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RESERVE FUND " 9,520,000

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On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
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Hongkong, 7th November, 1904. [20]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1904. [22]

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SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [23]

THE ASIATIC BANK.

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H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1904. [25]

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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1904. [52]

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CAPITAL AND SURPLUS
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CAPITAL PAID UP GOLD \$ 3,947,700
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UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.

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receives Money in Current Account and ac-
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CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.

20, Des Voeux Road,
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1905. [21]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896

Shanghai Taels.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office:—SHANGHAI.

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Bills discounted.

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4 1/2 " " " 6 " "

5 " " " 12 " "

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905. [19]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
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RESERVE FUND £800,000

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annum on the Daily Balances.

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" " " 6 " " 3 1/2 "

" " " 3 " " 2 1/2 "

T. P. COCHRANE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1904. [24]

FINEST COD LIVER OIL.

HIGHLY recommended for COUGHS,
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Chest and Lungs. It is highly nutritious, and,
in fact, acts as a food, especially in cases of
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56, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Hongkong.

A. STEVENSON,
Chemist.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1904. [43]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI	{ PALMA G. W. Cockman, R.N.R. }	About 12th January	Freight only.
SHANGHAI	{ SIMLA F. R. Summers, R.N.R. }	About 14th January	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	{ MALTA R. A. Peters, R.N.R. }	January 14th, Noon	See Special Advertisement.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTIP (Direct), VIA SINGA- PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID & MARSEILLES	{ PALAWAN J. D. Andrews, R.N.R. }	About 18th January	Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1905.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

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STEAM FOR
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ALSO

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON,
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;
Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers
and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 18th January.
BAVERN	WEDNESDAY, 1st February.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 15th February.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 1st March.
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY, 15th March.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 29th March.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 12th April.
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY, 26th April.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of January, 1905, at Noon, the Steamship "ROON," of
the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Capt. G. Meiners, with MALES, PASSENGERS,
SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above. Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 16th January, Cargo and
Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 17th January, and
Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 17th January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50
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The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.
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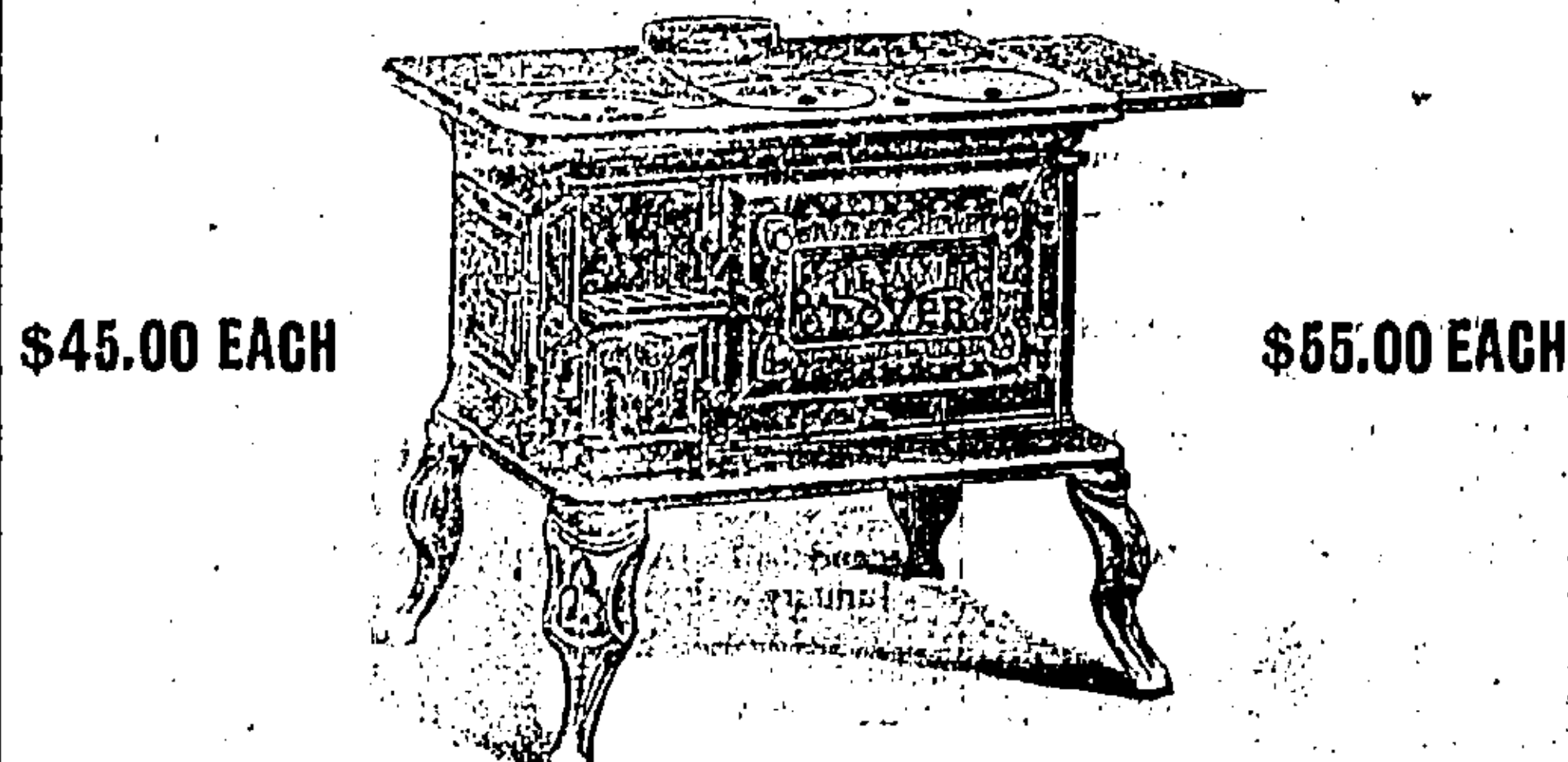
MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1905.

Entimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,

BRITISH MADE
DOVER COOKING STOVES.



OIL HEATING STOVES
From \$8.50 to \$22.00 each.
SLOW-COMBUSTION HEATING STOVES,
\$18.00 and \$22.00 each.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1904. [34]



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WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

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ESTABLISHED 1864.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1904.

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is Bovril—it nourishes, stimulates and
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for all to whom strength and endurance
are a vital necessity. Its regular use is
a permanent protection against the
dangers of colds, chills and diseases.



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A Light Stout of exquisite flavour, specially
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Per Dozen Pints - - - \$2.35.

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Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

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Extra Special \$16.00 per case 12/1

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1904.

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PHOTO GOODS DEALERS,

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Hongkong, 18th August, 1904.

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1905.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1903.

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A LITTLE CHANGE.

The round trip from HONGKONG to MACAO, thence
to CANTON and back to HONGKONG, will be
found interesting and enjoyable.

W. M. FARMER, Proprietor.

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HONGKONG BRANCH:—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

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S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong.

Intimation.

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ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS,
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The leading Drapers of
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MILLINERY -
IN ALL THE
LATEST -
FASHIONS.

All the newest
Dress Fabrics, Flannels,
Crepes, etc., on show.

Everything
for Children's wear.

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Upholstering done by experienced
workmen under European super-
vision on the shortest notice.
Estimates—free of charge.

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ESTABLISH-
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28, QUEEN'S ROAD,
OPPOSITE THE CLOCK TOWER.

Dress Shirts, Zephyr Shirts, Flannel Shirts.

Fine Cashmere Half-hose—embroidered or plain.

Stock Ties, Sweaters, Mufflers.

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Light, medium and heavy weight
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Cheek Flannel, Knitted Woollen
and Cashmere Waistcoats.

Bowler Hats, Soft Felt Hats.

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Panama Hats.

Black and Brown Glace Kid Boots
and Shoes.

White Buckskin Boots
with thick red Rubber
Soles, suitable for
Cricket, Golf, Tennis,
Yachting, etc.

New Goods arrive each
week for all Depart-
ments.

Wm. POWELL, Ltd.
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

I Have this day Resumed Charge of the
HONGKONG BRANCH.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [103]

WANCHAI STORING CO.

FROM 1st January, 1905, we have Ceased
to be AGENTS for the above Company.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [99]

NOTICE.

THE Business heretofore carried on in
Hongkong under the name or style of
TURNER & Co.,
has been transferred to Messrs. GIBB,
LIVINGSTON & Co., by whom the same
will be carried on in future under their own
name.

TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1905. [89]

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY,
FIRE AND LIFE.

CONSEQUENT on the closing of the Firm
of Messrs. TURNER & Co., the Under-
signed have been appointed AGENTS for the
above-named Company, and are prepared to
accept First-class Foreign and Chinese RISKS
against FIRE at current Rates.

Also to accept proposals for LIFE
ASSURANCE.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1905. [90]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
ROBERT KENNEDY LEIGH in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1904.
LEIGH & ORANGE.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1905.

MR. ARTHUR HENRY OUGH and
MR. ALFRED BRYER have this day
been admitted PARTNERS in our Firm which
will continue to carry on business under the
style of LEIGH & ORANGE.

LEIGH & ORANGE.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1905. [85]

NOTICE.

MR. J. BANDO has been admitted a
PARTNER in our Firm.
MELCHERS & Co.,
Hongkong and China.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1905. [86]

NOTICE.

WE have this day authorised Mr. A. M. DA
CRUZ to Sign our Firm per procura-
tion.
BARRETTO & Co.,
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1905. [87]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late
JAMES PARK WINGATE (deceased) in our
Firm ceased on 31st December, 1904.
TAIT & Co.
Amoy, 1st January, 1905. [98]

Intimations.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. RUTTONJEE begs to announce to
his numerous customers that his
Bakery in Kowloon being burnt down, he has
hired another in a healthy part of the town,
where BREAD will be baked and prepared
under his usual personal supervision and the cus-
tomary supply of the same wholesome Bread
made of the finest flour and materials, that he
has all throughout supplied.

Customers are kindly requested to send their
orders as usual.
H. RUTTONJEE,
No. 5, D'Almeida Street, Hongkong.
No. 37, Flavin Street, Kowloon.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1905. [58]

NOTICE.

THIS is to notify the public that all Debts
due to the VICTORIA HAIR DRESS-
ING SALOON and VARIETY STORE may be
sent to J. T. TAVARES, at 28, Morrison
Hill Road, during the month of January, 1905.
VICTORIA HAIR DRESSING SALOON.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1905. [88]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,
NAVAL CONTRACTORS
AND GENERAL COMMISSION
AGENTS.

16, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL,
HONGKONG,
SOAP AND SODA MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

HARTMANN'S RAHTJEN'S GENUINE
COMPOSITION RED HAND
BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT,
DAIMERS PATENT MOTOR
LAUNCHES.

Sole Agents for

PERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM
and
P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH
WHISKY, &c.
EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK

AT
REASONABLE PRICES.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1904. [44]

THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN.

WILL RUSSIA DEFEAT JAPAN NEXT SPRING?

I pointed out the other day, says the military
correspondent of the *St. James's Gazette*, that
the delay on the Shaho eminently lends itself
to the Japanese plan for carrying on her war
with Russia. On the other hand, it is an un-
avoidable necessity for the Russians, entirely
apart from their hope that the arrival of the
Baltic fleet, if too late to save Port Arthur,
may effect a serious diversion in the rear of
the Japanese army.

The future plans of General Kuropatkin are
now based upon the formation of three distinct
armies in imitation of the enemy's disposition,
under Kuroki, Oku, and Nodzu. Each is to
consist of 150,000 men when complete, by
which means the Russians hope to have half a
million of men in the field by the spring. But
many of the existing cadres have been so
wrecked and shaken by their late heavy de-
feats that the prospect of bringing them up to
the anticipated standard of strength and re-
quisite morale by April next requires a good
deal of sanguine anticipation, and leaves out
of account the probability of further heavy
losses in the present field army from battle and
disease before spring arrives. For it must be
remembered that in April-May the great melt-
ing begins when the whole country becomes a
vast bog, followed by the great July-
August rains, when operations will be exceed-
ingly difficult, if not impossible. While, there-
fore, conditions are best from October to
April, Oyama is certain to strike as hard as he
can before the latter month.

Now for Japan's plan of campaign. This,
we may take it, is at last clear enough—namely,
to fight out the struggle as near to the sea as
possible. And in the pursuit of this wise
scheme she probably does not desire to advance
much beyond Mukden, nor to see the Russians
retire far to the north of that point, except as a
routed army. Two things have strangely as-
sisted her plans—the magnetic influence of
Port Arthur upon the Russian Army, and the
loss of prestige which the Russians believe
they would suffer were they to retire beyond
Mukden.

Now, in order to ensure the success of
such a plan, Japan must be prepared to
place in the field month by month fresh
forces, which will not only make good her
current casualties but will always give
her an equivalent or greater strength than her
enemy. Can she do that? For, if so, she can,
with her fortified mountain region behind her,
continue to fight and defeat her enemy as suc-
cessfully as hitherto at a comfortable distance
from her supports and bases of supply, while
she undertakes, after the fall of Port Arthur,
any diversion towards Vladivostok that suits
her.

That Japan can maintain such numbers is
now certain, and, although sanguine Russian
estimates affect to believe she has touched the
bottom of her resources, saner forebodings are
beginning to be heard. The truth is that
Japan's resources of men are practically in-
exhaustible, and long ago, with that invincible
prescience of hers, she prepared a scheme
under which new levies can be completely
trained and disciplined in three months. Her
recruits, hardy, intuitive warriors, possess an
infinitely higher fighting value than Russia's
ignorant desponding peasantry, badly led, and,
as Kuropatkin has himself complained,
oblivious of all they ever learned with
the colours. Moreover, Japan possesses a
magnificent reservoir from which to draw
trained and efficient leaders, in her splendid
non-commissioned ranks, leavened with men
of high intelligence and standing, perfectly
fitted to perform the duties of the ranks above
them. Russia has no such resources. The
reserve officers she is now calling up are as
ignorant of soldiering as the peasants they will
lead, and were it not for her fine artillery, she
would be in evil case indeed.

Japan, therefore, has little cause to fear the
boasted Russian glacier of 500,000 such men
which is to roll southward in the spring.
Everything depends, of course, on Tokyo's
ability to cope with the advancing Baltic Fleet,
and upon this the earnest attention of the world
and the Russian Army is centred.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

MORE OFFICERS REQUIRED.

BATTLESHIPS VERSUS TORPEDOS.

Washington, Nov. 23.
How badly off the U. S. Navy is for officers
and how seriously this condition may affect
the Navy and the nation is told in the annual
report of Rear-Admiral George A. Converse,
Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, approved
by Secretary Morton to-day. Experience,
especially in gun fire, Admiral Converse says,
has shown that it is necessary to increase the
number of officers assigned to a ship, so that
the estimate made in 1902 of the number of
officers needed for ships in commission is in-
adequate. It provided for only about one-half
as many officers as ships of the same class
carry in the British, French, and German
Navies.

Admiral Converse recommends that the
number of Lieutenants be increased from 350
to 600, and that the number of Lieutenant-
Commanders be increased from 200 to 300.
"It is especially desirable," the Ad-
miral says, "that every battleship and
other powerful vessel requiring the
greatest skill and experience for proper
efficiency should have her full quota of officers
of suitable rank; yet many of our battleships
have Lieutenants as navigators, practically all
have Lieutenants as ordnance officers, and
several battleships have ensigns and even
midshipmen as watch and division officers.
This very unsatisfactory and even dangerous
condition is due to the many urgent demands
for officers, the existing inadequacy of num-
bers often making it impossible to detail
officers of appropriate rank. The increasing

numbers of midshipmen graduated from the
Naval Academy in time will partially relieve
the situation in the lower grades, but more
Lieutenant-Commanders and Lieutenants are
needed than existing laws provide."

Because of the important part played by
torpedo craft in the war in the Far East it is
deemed advisable that the larger vessels of
this type be commanded by Lieutenant-Com-
manders. To illustrate how much older the
Captains of the American Navy are than those
of foreign navies the report says the youngest
American commander, on the day he
attained that rank, was older than the
average age of Japanese and about the
same as the average of English and
German Captains. He had passed the
compulsory retirement age for Japanese Cap-
tains, and was within sixteen months of the
compulsory retirement age for German and
English officers. No specific remedy for this
is offered, because Admiral Converse feels that
if the need be recognised by higher authority
satisfactory means may soon be devised.

The authorisation by Congress of two Vice-
Admirals is urgently recommended, in order
that flag officers may not be beneath foreign
officers holding inferior commands. "It is
manifestly undesirable," says the Admiral,
"for our flag officers to be beneath all others
in the matter of precedence in international
affairs with which they have to do as repre-
sentatives of the United States." It is there-
fore recommended that the rank of Vice-
Admiral be conferred upon the officers detailed
as Commanders-in-Chief of the North Atlantic
and Asiatic fleets, and that the law revising
this grade provide that "no officer shall
hold the rank of Vice-Admiral in either
the active or retired list except while
exercising such command, until he shall
have commanded a fleet as Vice-Admiral
for two years or else as a flag officer for
three years altogether, at least one of those
years as a Vice-Admiral," and that officers may
not, as they retire, be promoted to the grade of
Vice-Admiral.

Attention is called to the indispensability of
cruisers, the report saying: "We require a
cruiser squadron in the North Atlantic, South
Atlantic and the Caribbean, and also on the
European station, all these being ready on the
approach of hostilities to combine in one fleet
wherever needed. In the Pacific our force
should consist of a large squadron of cruisers,
and on the Asiatic station the battleships
should be supplemented with a full squadron of
cruisers."

Regarding the paramount efficiency of the
battleships and the part played by them in the
Far Eastern war, Admiral Converse says:
"Although a hundred and more torpedo-boats
and destroyers have been actually engaged for
five months against battleships, which have
been exposed to attack times without number,
we have yet to learn authoritatively of a tor-
pedo from a torpedo vessel causing the loss
of a single battleship. Those which have been
sunk owed their destruction to submarine
mines anchored or broken adrift, torpedo
vessels not contributing to the result except by
the confusion and sense of greater danger due
to their presence. It is evident that in the
final summary of losses the achievements of
torpedo vessels will count less than was at first
supposed. It cannot be claimed, therefore,
that there has been so far anything to discredit
the battleship as a type; nor is any such out-
come to be expected from this war, whatever
may be the casualties among the battleships.
To wage successful warfare with a naval force
requires now, and it has required in all ages,
a type of vessel which shall combine in the most
effective manner the qualities of offence,
mobility, defence, endurance, self-maintenance.
Such vessels are battleships, and they consti-
tute the main strength and reliance of a
navy."

Early in the report Admiral Converse calls
attention to the need of a general staff on board,
"an advisory body which shall not be under
the control of any bureau, but responsible
directly to the Secretary."

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.	
London—Bank T.T.	114
Do. demand	111 7/16
Do. 4 months' sight	111 1/4
France—Bank T.T.	245
America—Bank T.T.	47 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T.	198 1/2
India T.T.	145 1/2
Do. demand	145 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	Nominal
Japan—Bank T.T.	96
Singapore—Bank T.T.	Nominal
Java—Bank T.T.	117 1/2
Buying.	
4 months' sight L/C.	111 1/4
6 months' sight L/C.	111 1/2
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	48 1/2
4 months' sight do.	48 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne	210
4 months' sight France	249
6 months' sight "	250 1/2
4 months' sight Germany	203
Bar Silver	27 15/16
Bank of England rate	3 7/8

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—	
Malwa New	@ 1,070
Old	@ 1,103 1/2
Patna New	@ 1,200 1/2
Patna Old	@ 1,200 1/2
Benares New	@ 1,081
Benares Old	@ 1,081
Foreign (Paper)	@ 870/000

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Intimations.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, BRITISH and
MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this
Colony, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn
at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners
of His Majesty's Treasury, London, will be
received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay
Department, until 11 A.M., on the 9th January,
1905.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in
Pounds Sterling), and the amount for which
each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be
issued for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in sealed
covers, addressed to the Chief Paymaster,
Army Pay Department, and endorsed "Tenders
for Government Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the
Tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on
application.

F. H. HAYNES,

Colonel, A. F. D.,

H.M. Treasury Chest Officer,

His Majesty's Treasury Office,

Fletcher Street,

Hongkong.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [97]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the
Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE
will be carried out as under:—

Pinewood Battery on 9th and 11th January,
1905, in a North-Westerly direction, at
ranges from 2,000 to 6,000 yards.

Saiwan and Pak-sha-wan Batteries on 13th
January, 1905, in direction of the entrance
to Junk Bay, at ranges from 2,000 to 6,000
yards, and 600 to 4,000 yards, respectively.

If the weather is unfavourable on either of
the above dates, Practice will take place on the
following day.

Practice will commence on 9th and 11th at
9 A.M., and on 13th at 9.30 A.M., and finish at
11 A.M., if the range is clear. Practice from
Pak-sha-wan will commence on the conclusion
of that from Saiwan.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to
keep clear of the range.

L. BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 31st December, 1904. [1406]

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1904.

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MARRIAGE.

On the 6th January, at the Union Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. C. H. Hickling, HENRY GEORGE ALFRED SIMMS, of Hongkong, to ELLA YOUNG, youngest daughter of the late Rev. James Young, of Belfast, Ireland. 126

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1905.

TO GUARD INDIA.

Ever since Lord Kitchener assumed the supreme command of the vast Empire of India, whose safety is entrusted to his care, he has exhibited a keen eye for future possibilities, and recognising this has been given a free hand to make such disposition of troops and so on as will safeguard all the frontier points.

The redistribution scheme, about which so much has been heard of late, is a sufficient indication of what his ideas are concerning the vulnerability of his charge. While all eyes have been directed towards the operations in the north, the War Department at home has been quietly preparing plans on lines suggested by himself with a view to the proper defence of the country.

Although there is no immediate chance of war with Russia it is regarded by military experts in India as an almost inevitable eventuality of the not far distant future. There is only one field upon which such a campaign could be fought, namely, Afghanistan; for it is the sole point we are told at which Russia could strike with any chance of success.

For practical purposes there are but two possible invasion routes—those through Afghanistan, by way of Kandahar and Kabul. There is not a pass along the whole frontier line giving access to these routes that is not held on the Afghan side as well as the Indian side. Though Lord Kitchener's new scheme has not been put into actual operation, all the frontier points have been strengthened in anticipation. It is believed that the defences urged upon the War Department by him are now entirely adequate to hold back invading armies, however strong, and the public are confident that there is no loophole through which the land so much coveted by Russia and other Powers would be vulnerable.

The fortifications on the whole of the northern frontier are composed of powerful and up-to-date artillery supported by forces of splendid native cavalry and artillery, strong enough to hold any army in check until heavy reinforcements could be sent to their relief. The new gun factory, which is to be established by the Government at Ishapur, will, of course, have a very important bearing upon these defences. It will not only be able to turn out close upon thirty thousand weapons annually, but to manufacture the component parts of the weapon, and to undertake all kinds of repairs. The completion of this factory will mean that India will be in this sense, as well as in regard to the supply of its ammunition, self-supporting. It has long been an ambition on the part of the Indian authorities to have a reserve of 300,000 stand of arms; and to realise this will be one of the first purposes of the new factory. No one knows when the importance of the arsenal may be put to the test, and therefore it is a matter of satisfaction to know that the arrangements for its construction have been completed and are ready to be carried into effect.

Turning to other parts of the Indian Empire there can be no question of an enemy rushing the difficult mountain passes. In the north-east there is Tibet, due north there is Afghanistan, and in the north-west there is Persia. At present these are all neutral countries, with rather a predisposition to favour a friendship with Great Britain. And there is no telling how soon it may be that the intrigues of Russian diplomacy may alter all this. We know that Russian influence figures largely in Tibet, that Russian agents are always at work endeavouring to disturb the neutrality of the Afghans, and that the Tsar and his minions are doing their utmost to curry favour with the Shah of Persia. It is small wonder that in the minds of a large number of the people there should exist a fear that India is the weakest part of the British Empire, because it is the place at which our greatest antagonist in Far Eastern colonization would naturally strike very hard. It should be the most strongly defended unit of the Empire, and being a hub on which so much depends it is therefore imperative that India be made impregnable.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MESSRS. Guedes & Co. send us a copy of their Anglo-Chinese calendar for the present year.

THE Christmas edition of the *Chefoo Daily News* is printed in six languages to meet the requirements of that cosmopolitan port.

IN all probability the China reliefs will be carried out next April. The R.G.A. reliefs for 1905-6 include the 83rd Company from Hongkong to Madras.

IF an exact shorthand report of all that he had said during the day could be given to a man of average refinement and sensibility, he would go away and commit suicide, says Barry Pain in the *Author*.

SIR C. J. Lyall has been nominated by the Secretary of State to attend the International Congress of Orientalists, which will be held at Algiers next April. He will represent the Government of India.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Anonymous \$85

MR. Ernest D. Haskell has consented to deliver a lecture, to be followed by a discussion, on the "Political Federation of the Empire," in the former Chamber of Commerce room, at the City Hall on Wednesday, the 11th inst. at 5.15 p.m. Mr. H. E. Pollock, hon. secretary of the Hongkong Odd Volumes Society, will preside.

A MEETING of the Straits Settlements Association was held on 1st Dec. in the London offices of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, to consider a proposal to make the tenure of the respective offices of chairman and vice-chairman, in future, for one year only; and to consider the Singapore Harbour Improvement Scheme. The latter subject was discussed at some length.

THE following have been chosen to pay for the Club in the Rugby match against The Navy at Happy Valley to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. Back: T. C. Gray, Three-quarters; J. P. Jordan, J. Thomson, V. P. Dudley, and Lieut. Hannoy; Halves: J. Clark, and S. O. Elas; Forwards: H. C. Sandford, E. R. Hallifax, A. Boyd, R. O. Hutchinson, Lieut. Black, Lieut. Ranking, D. B. Murray, and H. F. Chard.

By kind permission of Col. Caulfield and officers, the Band of the 110th Mahratta Light Infantry will play the following selection at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow evening, (Saturday), the 7th inst.:

March "Light of Foot" Latana.
Overture "Crown Diamond" Aubler.
Selection from "Veronique" Messenger.
Valse "The Choristers" Phelps.
Dance "Of the Sun East" Walker.
Selection "On the Hill" Nonington.
God save the King.

AT the Union Church this morning Mr. H. G. A. Simms, acting agent for the North China Insurance Co. in Hongkong, was married by the Rev. C. H. Hickling to Miss Ella Young, youngest daughter of the late Rev. James Young, of Belfast, Ireland. Dr. J. H. Swan gave the bride away, and Mr. H. F. Campbell performed the duties of bestman. After portraits had been taken, and the time-honoured toasts proposed Mr. and Mrs. Simms left for Macao where the honeymoon is being spent.

PROGRAMME of music to be performed by the Band of the 3rd Royal West Kent Regiment on the New Parade Ground, on Monday next, the 9th inst., from 4 to 5.30 p.m.:

Grand March "Lorraine" Garnet.
Overture to "Die Zauberflote" Mozart.
Selection from "Three Little Maids" Rubens.
Minuet "Pavane Vivante" Leoncavallo.
Idyl "Blumengeister" Von Blau.
Song "For all Eternity" Maccheroni.
Selection from "Faust" Gounod.
God save the King.

THE Admiralty are understood to be in negotiation for the purchase of an invention which, if it achieve all that is claimed for it, ought to make the submarine one of the most effective engines of naval war. The precise nature and scope of the invention is naturally being kept a profound secret, but it is said that experiments have already been made on a small scale at Portsmouth, and that they have given all the results claimed for the invention. The inventor is stated to be a young engineer who has for years shown a special aptitude for submarine and torpedo work.

THERE is reason to believe that the Government has resolved upon the appointment of a British Resident at Lhasa, and that the officer selected for the post will proceed thither from Calcutta early this year. He will be accompanied and permanently protected by an escort of Indian troops under British officers, and will be housed in a special compound close to the Dalai Lama's monastery. While the necessity for this step is in some quarters regretted, it is considered that no other means are available for the purpose of ensuring, not only respect for the terms made by Colonel Younghusband's recent expedition, but for checking the establishment of any foreign influence in Tibet.

THE residents of Colombo entertained the officers of the French squadron at dinner at the Grand Oriental Hotel, Sir Henry Blake presiding. The Governor, in toasting President Loubet, welcomed the officers of the French Navy. The Colony, he said, sympathised heartily with the increasing Anglo-French friendship. The world would yet realise how much it owed to France in connection with the Dogger Bank episode. The cordial understanding between two of the greatest colonising Powers was the strongest guarantee of that peace on whose silver pinions was borne the message of happiness, content and progress.

IN consequence of the increasingly large purchases of war and other material which the Japanese Government, through its agents, is making in Europe, arrangements are being made to increase the credit balance which Japan is accustomed to hold in British and one of two Continental banks. A large amount of specie and bullion, said to represent over one million pounds sterling, is being shipped to this country during next month, and one wonders, under the circumstances, whether, if the Russians could locate any of the ships which may be carrying it, they would make an effort to seize them as conveying contraband of war.

As already mentioned in these columns Sir T. Angier announces that, owing to the high rates charged on shipping through the Suez Canal, he and others have matured plans to cut a second Suez Canal, and that a big contractor, familiar with work in Egypt, is ready to finance and carry out the undertaking. It is learned that the proposal has excited considerable interest in mercantile circles. The *Daily Chronicle* is informed that the Egyptian Government has been approached in the matter. The *Standard* has the best authority for saying that the enterprise is unlikely to secure the support of the British or Egyptian Governments, and hence it is practically impossible to secure a concession.

A CURIOUS case of a Chinaman's "staying" powers was brought to light yesterday when a ship's doctor (a foreigner) went into No. 2, Police Station and reported that his ricksha coolie had gone off with \$320 worth of newly-purchased goods. That was between one and two o'clock in the afternoon. Detectives were sent out, and a coolie arrested at three o'clock under suspicion. It appears that the doctor engaged a ricksha at Thomas's Hotel at nine o'clock, and went and did some shopping, and finding his money exhausted, returned to the hotel for more, leaving his ricksha and parcels at the door. On coming out again he forgot all about his ricksha, and went and continued his purchasing. Suddenly discovering his loss he went about the streets looking for his lost property until he finally made his report to the police. At about five o'clock last evening the ricksha coolie was discovered contentedly waiting outside Thomas's Hotel, with the parcels, all intact, having been there since ten o'clock in the morning. A telephone message was sent to No. 2 Station to release the unfortunate coolie who had been held there on suspicion. This was done at about seven o'clock.

OCEAN MYSTERIES.

While speaking recently with an officer of the Royal Navy on the subject of the extraordinary number of vessels which, having left port, are never heard of again, that gentleman stated to a home correspondent that it was his distinct opinion that the ordinary vicissitudes of sea traffic do not by any means account for the ever-recurring reports of ships having disappeared without any trace of them or of any survivors being subsequently discovered. He, moreover, expressed himself as morally sure that in many cases some explosive material was shipped in cases registered as miscellaneous goods, with perhaps a quantity of genuine merchandise, all being insured or over-insured, and that clockwork mechanism was used to cause the explosion when well out at sea, the insurer thus making a rich profit. This officer's statement has a palpable corroboration in an incident now nearly forgotten, but which sent a thrill of horror through Europe when it occurred. In 1875 the *Albatross*, a steamer of the North-German Lloyd Line, was just about to start from Bremerhaven, when a cask was brought alongside for shipment. The porters having let it fall heavily, there was a terrific explosion, the force of which made a fissure seven feet deep in the ground and killed or wounded about two hundred bystanders, chiefly passengers who were about to embark and their friends coming to see them off. The man who was shipping the cask was not injured, but he went to his cabin at once and attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself with a revolver; being only wounded, however, he was at once taken charge of by the police, who conveyed him to hospital. Previous to his death, which took place in a few days, the man made a confession to the effect that he had wished to ship the cask, which contained dynamite, that he had placed in the cask a piece of clockwork mechanism set so that in ten days a lever would be released, thus striking a blow, equal to a 30lb. weight hammer, into the explosive mixture. The man turned out to be a person named Thomas (alias Thomassen), of American nationality, and, as he asserted, formerly captain of a merchant vessel. He stated that he would have travelled in the *Albatross* as far as Southampton, where he had some insured merchandise; that, after taking it on board, he intended to leave the steamer, which would proceed on its way to America, but that in eight days from Southampton the explosion which he had planned would have destroyed the vessel and the life of every individual on board. It was supposed that Thomassen had some accomplices in his contemplated crime, but if so he never admitted the fact, though inquiries by the police at Liverpool, where Thomassen had been previously staying, afforded very strong suspicions that others were connected with him in the plot. He said, however, that he had given orders for twenty pieces of similar clockwork to a German mechanic in Anhalt, telling him that they were to be used in some process of silk manufacture. The mechanic was referred to, and corroborated the statement, mentioning, I believe, that these pieces had not been delivered. A full account of this diabolical outrage and the subsequent process of inquiry were published in the "Times" during the latter part of 1875 and the early portion of 1876.

THE HARBOUR HATFIGHT.

VERDICT: CULPABLY NEGLIGENCE.

The inquiry touching the collision in the harbour between the launch *Wing Loi* and sampan which resulted in the drowning of a native man and child was resumed this morning at the Magistracy, before Mr. Gompertz.

Mr. E. J. Grist again appeared for the owners of the launch and Mr. Master for the sampan people. Evidence corroborating the testimony given yesterday was adduced from a woman in the ill-fated sampan who was thrown into the water after the collision and managed to scramble out on to the steam launch. A shipping coolie, husband of the last witness, did not know how the collision occurred, but assured the Court that the sampan kept on her course the whole time.

Mr. Basil Taylor stated that the launch would be going very quickly, and would pass across the sampan in a few moments.

Mr. Grist objected, and said the point was worthy of comment as the launch ahead was towing and could not go very fast. Wong Li, another passenger on the sampan, gave evidence corroborating the last witness.

For the launch *Wing Loi*, Cheong Po, called by Mr. Grist, stated that he was a sailor on the boat, which was following the sampan, about 30 feet behind. It would have passed the sampan on the port side if the latter had not altered her course. When the collision appeared imminent the launch stopped and reversed her engines, and the sampan went to port across the launch's bows. The coxswain of the *Wing Loi* altered her course to a starboard course, but could not get by, and struck her in the stern. The launch could have got past, and there would have been no accident if the sampan had held on her course. If the sampan had kept on her course she would not have collided with the tug in front.

Sergeant Birchell here caused a diversion when asked if the card, produced, was the one placed on the adult deceased, and stated that it was. Asked by the Court on what date it was so placed, looking at the card, witness said on the 24th ult.

The Coroner pointed out the accident only occurred on the 28th ult., and an examination of the card proved it to bear the date, 24th.

Inspector Langley was asked to explain this discrepancy, and after a scrutiny of the card and the papers attached, discovered that it was the card used as an exhibit in H.M.S. *Glory's* pinnace case, the usher having put in the wrong papers. The right ones were sent for and witness proved the identification of the adult deceased, and further evidence was given concerning the charge of the body of deceased child between the time of their being picked up out of the water to their arrival at the mortuary.

P. C. Green testified to finding the body of the adult deceased floating in the water at Jardine's Wharf, West Point, on the 4th inst., and taking it to the Tsim Tsi Tsui Station. He later took it to the mortuary where the body was identified to the doctor by the wife of the deceased.

After further testimony His Worship briefly reviewed the evidence to which they had listened touching the facts, and pointed out the law of the rule of the road at sea, which lays it down that the vessel being overhauled should keep on its course, the overhauling vessel having to keep clear. The only reason that would justify the boat in front altering her course would be when an accident is inevitable, in order to minimise as far as possible the effects of such accident, or in thick weather if the overhauling vessel does not appear to be doing the right thing then the boat in front must do what it can to avert an accident. As regards the *lau chi* with a tow in front the evidence showed that there was no necessity for the sampan to alter her course for them, as they were going much faster than the sampan. It was for the jury to consider whether the sampan could have put her helm so far over as to get across the bows of the launch in the time, to cover the distance separating them. If their finding was that there had been culpable negligence on the part of the launch then he must commit the coxswain to the sessions on a charge of manslaughter, but if they found the deaths of these two persons were by misadventure, they should return a verdict accordingly.

The Coroner then read extracts from the law on culpable negligence, and the jury, after consulting for ten minutes, found that there had been culpable negligence on the part of the launch which caused the death of the deceased. The jury wished to call particular attention to the gallant services of Doctor Foster in saving the lives of the children, at personal risk to himself, of which notice should be taken.

The verdict was communicated to the coxswain and the Court adjourned for tiffin.

The Coroner informed the jury in dismissing them that a copy of their rider, together with the evidence of the second officer of the *Telemachus*, would be at once forwarded to Government for action.

WITH regard to the scheme of monetary reform which the Mexican Government have now determined upon we may point out that as the old Mexican dollar is still largely used in the Far East, though its area of circulation has become circumscribed, the continuance of free mintage for export is a matter of convenience to international trade. Judging from the experience of previous reforms the first effect upon the silver market may be an increased demand for the white metal, as the Mexican Government will have to accumulate a fair stock of the new coins before the currency scheme is put into force. According to Reuter the Mexican Finance Committee has reported favourably on the new currency proposals, and a decree is already published imposing a tax to prevent the reimportation of Mexican dollars. The tax is \$10 (£1) per kilogram (2 25 lb) on any dollars reimported into the country.

ANOTHER SAD SUICIDE.

PORTUGUESE MIDDY SHOTS HIMSELF.

But a week ago we had to record the suicide, from no known motive, of Lieutenant-Commander Jellicoe, of H.M.S. *Whiting*, and now to-day we have to report another naval suicide in the harbour. The victim of his own act in this case is Midshipman Figueredo, of H.M.F.S. *Adamastor*. The deceased, who was only twenty years of age, was in the best of spirits with his comrades yesterday morning, but about half-past eleven o'clock the report of a revolver shot was heard proceeding from the young fellow's cabin, and when his brother-officers went to investigate they found the unfortunate lad lying on the floor of his room with a wound in his temple, and another at the top of his head where the bullet had passed out. It was thought to be too clear a case of suicide to admit of any idea of accident or suspicion of foul play, though neither the Commander nor his brother-officers could ascribe the faintest motive for the deceased's act of self-destruction. They describe the deceased as a capable, promising young officer, well-liked and esteemed by all alike. He was a young man of very good character, and was not believed to have had a trouble in the world, and this act has cast a great gloom over his comrades and mess-mates.

The funeral took place this afternoon, at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, at the Happy Valley, the coffin being brought ashore in his ship's cutter, escorted by the pinnace, and steam launches filled with officers from the *Adamastor*, the *Vasco da Gama*, and the *Diu*. The Commander of the *Adamastor* was in his own cutter, and was met at the naval pier by several brother-officers from the Portuguese war ships as well as by Consul-General Romano, Vice-Consul Leiria, and many friends. Guards of honour were furnished by thirty men from the *Vasco da Gama* and fifteen each from the *Adamastor* and *Diu*. With full naval honour, the cortege started down Arsenal Street, the naval and diplomatic uniforms making an imposing display. Many beautiful floral offerings were piled over the gun-carriage on which the coffin was drawn to its last resting place, by the men from his own ship, and when all was over three parting volleys were fired over the grave where the unfortunate officer is taking his last long rest.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the flag at the Lusitano Club has been kept at half-mast throughout the day.

MURDER ON THE "TREMONT"

FILIPINO RUNS AMOK.

A tragedy occurred last night on board of the s.s. *Tremont*, while lying in the harbour, which has resulted in the death of one Filipino and the severe wounding of another who now lies in a critical condition on the steamer. From what could be gathered it appears that the *Tremont* has on board a party of eighty Filipinos, men, women and children, as steerage passengers, who are returning from the World's Fair at St. Louis, and at about ten o'clock last night a quarrel broke out among the men of the party the cause of which could not be ascertained. This seems to have ended in a Filipino, named Pagan, stabbing a compatriot named Cepewang, who was lying in his bunk at the time. Another man, named Sudong being attracted by the outcry, was going along the deck in the direction of the disturbance, when he was met by Pagan, who still had a knife in his hand, and by whom he was himself stabbed in the abdomen. By this time all the steerage passengers were roused; but in the confusion the murderer had fled, and was last seen going along the deck forward, and it is understood that he hid in the cargo. The first man stabbed died immediately, and his body has been removed to the mortuary. The second now lies in a critical condition. At noon to-day Mr. F. A. Hazeland went off to the *Tremont* to take the man's dying deposition, but as there are still hopes of ultimate recovery, this was deferred, and the Magistrate returned to Court. Owing to Mr. Langley's engagement in the manslaughter inquiry Chief Detective Inspector Hanson and a party of police went to the *Tremont* to search in the various tunnels and vacant cargo spaces in holds Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 for the murderer. They are engaged in this work, for which the cargo is shifted, as we go to press. The steamer has on board 18,000 tons of general cargo from San Francisco, mostly in transit to Manila.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

Canadian (*Tartar*) 8th inst.
Indian (*Namsang*) 10th inst.
American (*Gaelic*) 10th inst.
American (*Siberia*) 12th inst.
French (*Ernest Simons*) 12th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 16th inst.

The s.s. *Canton* left Chefoo on 3rd inst., and is due here on 8th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Palma* left Singapore for this port on 4th inst., at 11 p.m.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Preussen* which left here on 7th ult., arrived at Genoa on 3rd inst., at 2 p.m.

The Shire Line s.s. *Denbighshire* from London, &c. left Singapore yesterday afternoon, and is due here on 11th inst.

The Java-China-Japan Lijn s.s. *Tjipanas* left Karatu for this port on 4th inst., and may be expected here on 16th inst.

The P. & A. s.s. *Arabic* sailed from Portland, Oregon, on 5th inst., via Japan ports, and may be expected here on 8th prox.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Ernest Simons*, with the next French Mail, left Singapore at 3 p.m., yesterday, for this port via Saigon.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Tartar* arrived at Nagasaki at 1.30 p.m., on 4th inst., and left again at 7 p.m., same day for Shanghai where she is due to arrive at 10 a.m., on 8th inst.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's.]

The United States and the War.

LONDON, 4th January.
Various inspired suggestions in the direction of peace are emanating from Washington, representing that President Roosevelt is anxious to mediate but cannot move until approached by both belligerents. Nothing whatever confirmatory has been received in London and rumours of peace are not credited.

The Baltic Fleet.

Admiral Pookersham's squadron is anchored in Passandava Bay (Madagascar) and Admiral Rozhdestvensky's squadron is now at Antong; both are provisioning at Nossi-be, Mojongu, and Tamatave. It is believed that both squadrons will rendezvous at Diego Suarez.

A Munificent Donation.

Lord Mount-Stephen has given £200,000 to the King's Hospital Fund.

The Fall of Port Arthur.

EFFECT IN ST. PETERSBURG.
The news of the fall of Port Arthur has now been published in Russia; the effect was depressing, but the newspapers exhort the nation to support the Government in prosecuting the campaign to show that Russia is a great nation.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokio wires that the Russian officers have been permitted to return to Russia on parole, retaining their swords.

The Japanese occupied a number of forts at Port Arthur yesterday.

[Shanghai Mercury.]

Togo's Return.

THE MIKADO'S WELCOME.

Tokio, 30th Dec.

Admiral Togo and his suite were received at the Shimbashi Railway Station by the representatives of His Majesty the Mikado, Her Majesty the Empress as well as Princes of the Blood, all the Ministers of State and several thousands of officials and civilians; and then drove away from the station by a carriage specially provided by the Imperial Household Department and went to the Department of Navy at Kasumiga-eki, in front of the Foreign Office. The Admiral Baron Yamamoto, Minister for Navy, led the gallant naval heroes into the apartment of the minister, where the representative of the Mikado and Major General Murata who represented the Imperial Headquarters and many officers joined Admiral Baron Yamamoto made an impressive speech to welcome Togo and his suite, while all those who attended drank champagne. Admiral Togo with Admiral Baron Yamamoto drove to the Imperial Palace at 10.50 a.m. where Admiral Togo and his suite were received in audience by the Mikado. Admiral Togo personally reported the naval engagements from the commencement of the war to the Throne while the Emperor earnestly put many questions on the subject and asked about the men under the command of the gallant naval hero. Admiral Togo and his suite were specially invited to have dinner with the Emperor at the Imperial Palace. His Majesty ordered the Imperial Household Department to send fish and "Sake" to the residence of Admiral Togo.

KING CARLOS OF PORTUGAL.

The following tribute to the genial King Carlos of Portugal, which appears in the latest issue of *Truth*, is of local interest:

TO OUR LATEST ROYAL GUEST.

Short, Sir, although your stay with us has been We have already learned to greatly like you. We like your friendly looks your merry mien; We like the way our institutions strike you. Even our Fog, which caught you unaware— One of our City's most "pea-soupy" quality— Even our Fog—or so the Press declares— Failed utterly to choke your usual jollity. So, too, when you to Fog no more a prey, Heard our Snow King in his own dominions,

'Twas in a similar good-humoured way You uttered your "Mark Tapley-like" opinions.

Yes, Sir, our Climate gave you its worst things— Cold, damp, fog, frost, ice, snow, and all the rest of them;

But, in your heart, Hope has perennial springs, And so we've seen you bravely make the best of them!

We've watched you very closely, day by day, Shooting at Windsor, and in Bond-street shopping;

We've heard, too, of those good things, by the way,

Which you succeed so tactfully in dropping. Upon your sleeve, 'twould seem, you wear your heart,

Genial and frank we are rejoiced to find you; And be assured that, now we have to part, You will not leave one enemy behind you.

At such a time, then, 'tis with vast regret, We find a jingo scribe a statement printing. In which at something we from you should get. He has the cool effrontery to be hinting; Prepared to shape his maladroit demand, As though good taste forbade not such a question,

Nor even waiting till you'd left our land Before he made his ill-advised suggestion! Pray understand, then, that this breach of taste Which on all hands inspires expostulation, Is but a jingo utterance made in haste, And does not speak the meaning of the nation.

No, Sir, 'tis for yourself that low and high Wish you all luck that Fortune can decree you,

And even as they shout a warm "Good-bye!" Express the hope they soon again may see you!

KOWLOON DEVELOPMENTS.

NEW HOUSES IN OBSERVATORY ROAD.

Kowloon as a residential locality for the jaded workers of Hongkong has been developing at a phenomenal rate during the past few years, and there is abundant evidence to show that the prosperity which has attended that development is increasing. Those who can look back ten years and remember Kowloon as it then was will best realize the enormous improvements which have been effected there. The face of the earth, so to speak, has been changed, and what was practically a barren peninsula, with a few houses scattered here and there, and those mostly of the rudest description, have given place to modern dwellings where every comfort is provided and all the latest "notions" are installed. Indeed, it might be a suburb of London so far as outward appearance goes, though a visit to the rear, where Chinese servants are everywhere in evidence, quickly dispels that illusion.

OBSERVATORY ROAD.

The hand of the builder is everywhere apparent, no matter what section of Kowloon is visited. People have chanted the praises of the Peak, but those who stay at Kowloon are more modest, or it is that they are wary and do not wish to share with the *olla podrida* of Hongkong the benefits of the mainland? At any rate, that exclusiveness is fast disappearing under the efforts of the energetic builder, and the plentiful means of communication. On every side new houses are springing into being, and one of the latest sites to be covered is that belonging to Mr. A. V. Apcar on Observatory Road. Mr. Apcar has an expanse of land on which eventually twenty-one dwelling-houses will be erected, and at present six are nearing completion. It is expected that they will be ready for occupation early in April. These new houses are thoroughly up-to-date and suitable for the family man.

SUBURBAN ADVANTAGES.

They have five rooms—two public rooms and three bedrooms—and there are a couple of bathrooms, easily reached from the upper parts of the house. Each building is of two storeys with a high basement below. The dining and drawing rooms are connected by means of folding doors, and there is an extensive lobby or hall, besides a European kitchen and servants' quarters—all on the first floor. Above are the bedrooms the largest of which is 23 feet by 18 feet. Around the building there are wide verandahs on each floor, on which a handsome pattern of tiling has been laid. Electric lights have been installed; but in order to provide for any emergency the very sensible plan of including a connection with the gas mains has been adopted. Naturally, there are electric bells, electric fans and so forth. In front of each of these buildings there is a garden, while at the rear there are tennis courts.

The buildings, each of which is estimated to cost somewhere near \$11,000, were designed and constructed under the supervision of Mr. John Lemm, F.R.A., N.S.W., M. San. Institute, and they are a credit alike to the architect and the builder.

OBSERVATORY VILLAS.

The six which have now been built are only part of over a score of houses which are going up in Observatory Road, and which will be known as Observatory Villas; but they give an excellent idea of what is being done at Kowloon to make it an up-to-date and even stylish residential area. The great feature about Kowloon, so far as the resident is concerned, is that it is easily accessible and that rents are moderate. Indeed, at some periods of the year it is claimed for Kowloon that it surpasses the Peak as a desirable place to live in. Be that as it may, the fact is apparent that Kowloon is extending its borders at an astonishing pace, and it only remains to be said that Hongkong is fortunate in having a suburb so admirably situated.

SHIPPING JETSAM.

The steamer *Serabaja*, of the Rotterdam Lloyd, has been sold to the firm of H. Jensen, of Hamburg.

The C.M. S. *Kwangchi* left Shanghai on the 30th ult., to lighten S.S. *Irene* that has been ashore off Kait Point since the 20th ult. The *Kwangchi* will take 300 tons of coal from the *Irene* after which, it is expected that the latter vessel can be towed off.

At 4 a.m. on the 28th ult., another landslide occurred at Chinkiang at the same place as the one previously reported. The godowns of the Standard Oil Co. are reported to be affected by the subsidence and also those of the firm of Arnold Karberg & Co. Large fissures have appeared in the bunding at several places and doubts are expressed as to the stability of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's godowns.

The Portuguese gunboat *Rio Lima* arrived at Singapore on Christmas Day from home en route for the Macao Station. The *Rio Lima*, which is of 640 tons and 500 horse power, was built in 1875 and reconstructed in 1897. She proceeds to Macao via Manila, to escape the monsoon. On the 26th ult., the Captain and officers of the visiting craft were entertained at dinner by the Acting Governor, the Honble Mr. F. G. Penny.

Sir Thomas Sutherland, at the Peninsular & Oriental Company's annual meeting, said that, owing to the difficulties about employing Indian seamen and firemen—who were British subjects equally with Australians—they might have to divert the Australian boats to a direct line between England and China and Japan, retaining for the Australian trade large cargo vessels via the Cape.

THE *China Gazette* understands that Mr. Haviland Walter de Saumarez has been appointed to succeed Sir Hiram Shaw Wilkinson in the office of Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Korea, Sir Hiram retiring in March next.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

HONGKONG STOCKS IN 1904.

SIR,—A letter signed by Mr. P. Stoppa appeared in your issue of the 3rd instant, relating to "Hongkong Stocks in 1904."

It seems to me that though, perhaps, he may be correct in his figures, the writer is certainly wrong in his deductions. After putting down the total appreciation of Stocks for the year, at sixteen millions and a quarter, he proceeds to marshal other figures as a partial set-off against that appreciation, leaving a small balance which he allocates to Hongkong, as being so much benefit derived. Such a conclusion, I think, is misleading. An appreciation of this kind, being entirely a paper appreciation, it cannot be very material to the actual prosperity of the place, as to how much, or if any of it at all, has been kept in Hongkong. There is not, and cannot be, any actual increase of money in figures of this kind, which are merely intended for purposes of comparison of relative values; the only real appreciation, which can be said to be of actual benefit to, and be "kept" in Hongkong, would be that which is the outcome of a proportionate intrinsic enhancement of the business or property of the Company concerned, and when that is the case, no matter where, or by whom, the shares are held, the benefit to the Colony would be material. It is, however, a comforting fact to record that the appreciation noted by your correspondent, is the direct result of actual intrinsic enhancement, the most prominent companies, coming under this head, being Banks, Unions, Indos, and China Sugars.

Coming to the "set-off" put forward by Mr. Stoppa, that is, increase of capital of various companies as so much to be deducted, surely, this is fallacious reasoning; for, as a rule, the increasing of capital is generally taken as an indication of increasing prosperity, and not to be put down as depreciation. Of course, there are exceptions, no doubt, when the increase of capital has resulted in a terrible disaster to the shareholders.

A case in point is that of the China and Manila S. S. Company, indicated by your correspondent in his "black list." Quite recently, this company called a private meeting (Query—why private?) of its shareholders, at which it was resolved to reduce or write down, the capital from \$1,500,000 to \$750,000. It will be remembered that, four years ago, this Company had a capital of \$300,000, against which its property consisted of three steamers, besides a reserve fund of \$100,000. One might have thought that such a solid position would satisfy the most greedy of shareholders. Instead, however, of letting well enough alone, it was decided to better that which was good, and, in an evil hour, the capital was increased, first to a round million, and, later on, to a million and a half, all within fifteen months. Result: capital, \$1,500,000, represented by property consisting of two steamers only, and these having a lien on them to boot. It is, however, gratifying to know that such disastrous results, as the outcome of increasing the capital, are very rare. I also observe, in his "list of deductions," Mr. Stoppa includes "loss in Farnhams." As he deals in appreciation of purely Hongkong stocks on the one side, a Shanghai stock should have no place on the other side. But, I think he is wrong anyway, in showing any loss on Farnhams. If I mistake not, at the commencement of 1904 this stock was quoted about Tls. 125/130, while at the close of the year the rate was Tls. 165.—Yours etc.,

JUNUS.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

COLLIERS OFF COCHIN CHINA.

The S.S. *Arratoon Apcar*, which arrived at Singapore on 26th ult., reports an interesting *rencontre* on Thursday evening while off the Cochin China coast, between Faurang Bay and Cape Paderan. Between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 p.m. the vessel sighted no less than five large steamers, three of which were near enough for it to be seen that they were heavily laden—seemingly colliers—steaming to the northwards. Two were close inshore. Such information is contained in the *Arratoon Apcar's* regular report. The singular and significant fact about the episode is that such a number of large steamers track during the North-East monsoon, when it is well known to shipmasters that the strongest southerly currents prevail along that coast at this time of the year—some times to the extent of 80 miles a day to the south. The regular passage from Singapore during this monsoon is away out to seaward about 150 miles east of Cape Paderan. The only other Eastern port this fleet of steamers might have sailed from would be Saigon; but an exodus of five large freighters from Saigon, on one day, would be an exceptional event in the history of that port after the rice export season had closed. It is possible that they may be colliers having a rendezvous with the Baltic Fleet in one of the numerous little harbours that abound on the coast of Annam.—*Strait Times*.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. J. I. Plummer, Chief Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 6th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen in northern Japan, and has fallen at other stations, but more particularly in SW. Japan.

Gradients are moderate upon the eastern coast of China, and moderate NE. monsoon will be met with in the Southern Channel. They are slight upon the southern coast and light NE. winds will prevail in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast—Light variable winds, fine.

AROUND AND ABOUT KONGMOON.

A THRIVING DISTRICT.

[From a Correspondent.]

Away at the back of the busy port of Kongmoon, where the British Consul asserts his authority from a quaint old hulk moored alongside the muddy banks of the West River, is a country but little known to many people travelling over the great Si Kiang. Sanui, Sunning, Hoiping and other towns lay nestled far inland among the mulberry bushes and palm trees enjoying that tranquillity which the rapid opening up of southern waterways is gradually but surely usurping. The inhabitants are men of the world who, years ago, went abroad in search of wealth and have now returned to their native land to enjoy the fruits of their thrift. Clan after clan is to be found in this populous district, its members, in some instances numbering quite forty thousand people, many of whom have been in California, and exhibit unmistakable evidence of the impression which contact with Western civilization has left upon their minds. For instance, one has only to look at the construction of the majority of their dwellings. Fine brick buildings of two storeys, lining the sides of wide, straight streets are frequently seen, especially in Sunning where there is a beautiful thoroughfare a third of a mile long with handsome business premises and residences on either side. Entering this town but a few days ago, I was at once impressed with the foreign influence that had been at work, and instead of the usual jeering with which one is greeted in many of the little known towns in the interior, I was accosted by a jolly old man, who, beaming over with smiles, said, "Hello, come to have a look?" No interpreter was needed to keep an interesting conversation going a long time, and in the subsequent stroll through the place I was struck with the businesslike manner in which the community went about their work. Peace reigned supreme notwithstanding that most of the soldiers were away at the rebellion in Kwangsi with only about ten per cent of their numbers left behind in case of emergencies. Robbery is conspicuous by its absence, and any cases of crime that may crop up are dealt with on the spot by the magistrate in charge. From this great district of south Hokshan large quantities of native opium are exported, the drug being taken by launches and junks through the many creeks into the Broadway and so down to Macao. Palm leaves for the manufacture of fans are treated in enormous numbers, while the working in bamboo ware occupies the attention of many of the inhabitants. Flour, kerosene and dried fish are imported together with quite a number of foreign articles which the residence of the people in California have led them to require.

Those intending paying a visit to the little-known district are advised to make the trip to Kongmoon by one of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s vessels, and there engage a launch to take them some fifty miles inland. In some places it may be necessary to proceed up narrow creeks in sampans, although one has the alternative of walking or cycling along excellent roads. It is of interest to know that huge quantities of live teal and quail are netted in the district.

ROBBING A HONGKONG BANK.

WRONG MAN ARRESTED AT CHEFOO.

When the str. *Anfuy* arrived from Hongkong about noon yesterday, the *China Daily News* of 28th ult. says, some of the Taotai's policemen went on board and arrested a middle-aged Chinese by the name of Sun whom they believed had swindled the Chinese Merchants' Bank of Hongkong out of twenty thousand dollars. The prisoner was taken before a magistrate where he succeeded in proving that he was not the man wanted by the authorities. It appears that about ten days ago a skilful Chinese succeeded in a manner not known here in swindling the bank previously referred to. He then was supposed to have taken passage on the *Anfuy* for Chefoo. The authorities here were requested by telegraph to apprehend him upon arrival. It is now believed the criminal, whose name is Chang, and who is not more than thirty years old, has not arrived here.

THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL DIET.

BUDGETS PASSED UNCHANGED BY THE HOUSE OF PEERS.

The House of Peers met yesterday (Dec. 29) morning at 11 o'clock, Premier Katsura and all the other Ministers of State being present. Marquis Tokugawa, President of the House, asked permission to welcome Admiral Togo at the Shimbashi station on the 30th, as the representative of the House. This proposal was unanimously agreed to. The Civil and War Budgets for the proposed textile fabric duties were then considered. A few questions were asked, but it was generally felt that all dissensions should be repressed at this critical period in the history of the nation, and it was therefore resolved to pass all the Bills in the forms in which they were received from the House of Representatives. The necessary formalities having been completed, Count Katsura ascended the rostrum and thanked the House on behalf of the Government. The House adjourned at noon to January 20.—The House of Representatives met yesterday afternoon at 1.15. After discussing a few minor bills, the President submitted a draft of a vote of thanks which he suggested should be accorded by the House to Admiral Togo. This was unanimously voted by the House as follows:—"Having annihilated the Port Arthur Fleet, the Japanese United Fleet has now partly raised the blockade. It is certain that this success is due to the bravery and skill of the naval officers and men, but it is also clear that it could not have been obtained without the able strategy and leadership of Admiral Togo. Therefore the House of Representatives takes advantage of the Admiral's return to Tokyo to convey to him its warmest expression of thanks."

THE LATE MR. J. W. GRAHAM.

INQUEST OPENED AT SHANGHAI.

At Shanghai on the 31st ult. before Mr. Phillip, acting coroner, and Messrs. H. G. Gardner, F. W. Fowler and C. R. Maguire as jury, an inquest was opened at No. 4, The Bund, into the circumstances attending the death of J. W. Graham.

After being sworn, the jury proceeded to view the body. Deceased was in a sitting posture at his desk in his office, dressed as if he had just come in. His hat was on the desk and in front of him was an open account book. Both hands were thrust deep in his trousers' pockets and the head drooped on the chest as if deceased were asleep. In a corner about a couple of yards from the desk was a small gas stove and a strong smell of gas pervaded the room. Nothing seemed to have been disturbed.

A. W. Anderson, sworn, said that he was a sharebroker. He identified the body as that of J. W. Graham. Deceased was formerly his partner.

The Coroner said that he would take no further evidence at present and the inquest would be resumed at 9 a.m. on Monday, the 2nd January.

THE BALTIC FLEET.

According to official investigations based on information received up to the 20th ult., the whereabouts of the vessels belonging to the Baltic fleet now on its way to these waters are as follows:

THE MAIN SQUADRON (PROCEEDING VIA THE CAPE).

This squadron is under Admiral Rojestvensky, and Admiral Venkist (?) is also attached to it. It left Mossamedes, Portuguese territory, on the western coast of Africa, on the 13th ult. and passed Cape Town on the 19th. (The Reuter telegram published elsewhere in the issue informs us that the squadron is now at Antongal.) It is composed of the following vessels:—

Battleships: Kiaz Souvaroff, Alexander III., Boreodin, Orel, Oslabya. Cruisers: Adm. Nakhimoff, Dmitri Donskoi, Aurora. Repair ship: Kamchatka. Special service ships: Korea, Malala, Anatsil, Meteor, Russ. Hospital ship: Orel.

THE DETACHED SQUADRON (PROCEEDING VIA THE SUEZ CANAL).

This squadron, which is commanded by Admiral Foelkersham, left Jibuti on the 14th ult. According to Reuter it is now anchored in Passandava Bay, Madagascar. It consists of the following vessels:—Battleships: Sissoi Velky, Navarin. Cruisers: Svetlana, Jemchug, Almaz. Destroyers: Bodry, Bezupremchni, Brestitschy, Bysri, Bedovi, Vidny, Bravi. Volunteer fleet vessels: Yaroslav, Voronej, Kiev, Tamboff, Vladimir. Torpedo depot ship: Kital. Special service ship: Kiaz Gortchakoff. Transports: Melvrya, Jupiter.

VESSELS UNDER EQUIPMENT AT ODESSA. Transports: Odessa, Baron Horissen, Helman-reich, Slaz Rosh.

Volunteer fleet vessel: Saratoff.

SUPPLEMENTARY SQUADRON.

Cruiser Oleg (arrived at Suda Dec. 11).

" Izumrud (arrived at Suda Dec. 13).

Auxiliary cruiser.....Don (passed Skaw, Denmark, westward Dec. 5).

" ".....Ural (left Dakar Dec. 16).

" ".....Terek (arrived at Dakar Dec. 16).

" ".....Kuban (arrived at Dakar Nov. 29 and left there about Dec. 1, supposed to have already joined the main squadron).

" ".....Rion (arrived at Suda Dec. 14).

" ".....Delceper (arrived at Suda Dec. 11).

" ".....Gromki (arrived at Suda Dec. 11).

" ".....Rezivi (arrived at Algiers Dec. 6).

" ".....Prontscliny (arrived at Cadix, Spain, Dec. 19).

" ".....Presorlivi (arrived at Algiers Dec. 6 and subsequently docked).

Special service ship Izruer (whereabouts unknown) known; presumably en route to join the main squadron).

" ".....Okean (passed the Great Belt southward Dec. 15).

The whereabouts of the other vessels belonging to the Baltic fleet are as yet unknown.

COMMERCIAL.

Quotations for the week close as follows:—

Hongkong Banks	 \$710
National Banks	 38 sa.
Union Insurances	 630 b.
China Traders	 58 b.
Canton Insurances	 250
Hongkong Fires	 335 b.
China Fires	 91 sa. and b.
H. C. & M. Steamboats	 27 1/2 s.
Indo-Chinas	 127 s.
Douglases	 33 1/2 sa. and b.
Star Ferries	 38 s.
Shell Transports	 25 1/2 s. ex div.
China Sugars	 235 s.
Raubs	 31 s.
H.K. & Whampoa Docks	 220 s.
Kowloon Wharves	 112 b.
Farnhams	 Tls. 155 ex div.
Hongkong Lands	 146 s.
Green Island Cements	 29 1/2 sa.
A. S. Watsons	 12 b.

A BELGIAN-CHINESE Chamber of Commerce has just been founded in Brussels, and is declared to be the first Chinese Chamber of Commerce established in the world. It already includes a hundred and fifty members, Chinese and Belgian merchants and traders, and it is the intention of its members, in addition to the work of the Chamber of Commerce in Belgium, to establish a commercial agency for the use of its members at Shanghai. Trade between Belgium and China has increased very considerably of late, chiefly owing to the encouragement given to it in high quarters in Belgium.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

—MENU—

DINNER, JANUARY 7TH, 1905.

HORS D'OEUVRES.

Canapes a la Windsor.

Soup.

Ox Tail.

FISH.

Salmon a la Menieur.

ENTREES.

Quail on Toast.

Sweetbread au Gratin.

Patties a la Toulouse.

CURRY.

Lobster.

JOINTS, &c.

Roast Sirloin of Beef.

Roast Capon and Bacon.

Boiled Corned Ox Tongue and Carrots.

Cold Roast Pheasant and Celery Salad.

SWEETS.

Toast Pudding.

Coffee Ice Cream and Finger Cakes.

Apple Tart.

Tipsy Cake.

DESSERT.

Coffee. Fruits.

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SINGER MANUFACTURING CO.,

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Cash or terms for all grades of "SINGERS."

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

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AT THE CATHOLIC UNION,

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IN aid of funds to provide Xmas Treats

TO 700 POOR CHILDREN & 200 POOR OLD PEOPLE.

Dates of Performance.

TO-NIGHT, January 6th, at 9 P.M. \$1

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NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA
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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	6th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	16th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	24th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	25th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	26th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	31st January.

S.S. "GLAUCUS" left Singapore on the afternoon of the 31st ult., and is expected to arrive here about the 6th inst.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"HYSON"	17th January.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"HECTOR"	20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"PRIAM"	31st January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	14th February.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"AJAX"	20th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	28th February.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"TYDEUS"	27th January.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HUPH"	7th January.
SHANGHAI	"WUHU"	7th "
SHANGHAI	"WOOSUNG"	10th "
MANILA	"TEAN"	10th "
Cebu and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	11th "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	20th "

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly
qualified Surgeon is carried.

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Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
between Hongkong and Manila—Saloon amidships—Electric
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.
—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of
Passengers.CHINA AND MANILA
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Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA	SATURDAY, 7th Jan., 1905, at 10 A.M.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	"	SATURDAY, 14th Jan., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1904.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL

(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

Steamship	About
"RAS ISSA"	30th January, 1905.

For Freight and further information, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via SHANGHAI, INLAND
SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,FOR
PORTLAND, OREGON.

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail at Daylight on
"NICOMEDIA"	4,370	Wagner	January 9th, 1905.
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Brehmer	January 31st, "
"ARADIA"	4,483	Bahle	February 13th, "
"ARAGONIA"	5,198	Schmidt	March 5th, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate
with or apply to

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ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

TSANG FOO & CO.

COAL MERCHANTS AND STEVEDORES,
25, DES VOUX ROAD.SHIPS Coaled from alongside at the shortest
notice, and with all possible despatch.
Prices Moderate. Telephone No. 329.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1904.

NOTICE.

BOO CHEONG, of No. 20, Pottinger
Street, has always on handFIRST-CLASS WRITING AND PRINTING
PAPERS, and STATIONERY
of every variety.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1904.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

AUSTRALIAN LINE.

REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES,
From 1st January, 1904.ALSO REDUCED FARES TO
MANILA AND RETURN.STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric
Light, First Class Accommodation. Un-
rivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1904.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steamers

Tons Captain
"KWONG CHOW" 1,305 J. P. MARTIN.
"KWONG TUNG" 1,328 H. W. WATKINS.
Leave Hongkong for Canton at 8.30 Every
Evening (Saturday excepted).
Leave Canton for Hongkong about 5 o'clock
Every Evening (Sunday excepted).
These Fine New Steamers have unexcelled
Accommodation for First Class Passengers and
are lit throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare—Single Journey \$4
Meals (Each) 1The Company's Wharf is a Short Distance
West of the Harbour Master's Office.SHIU ON S.S. CO., LD., and
YUEN ON S.S. CO., LD.,
No. 8, Queen's Road West.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1904.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

THE British Steamship

"YING KING."

Captain E. J. Page, of 1,088 tons, Registered,
is the newest, fastest, and most luxuriously fur-
nished steamer on the line and is lighted
throughout with Electricity; hot and cold water
service. The cuisine is unexcelled.Leaving Hongkong every MONDAY,
WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENING,
at 9 P.M. and returning from Canton every
following evening at 5 P.M.1st Class \$3.00 for Single Journey.
2nd " 1.50 " " "
Meals 1.00 each.The steamer's wharf is at the Western end of
Wing Lok Street.YUK ON S.S. CO., LD.,
No. 216, Wing Lok Street.
WENDT & Co.,
Canton Agents.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1904.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE Splendid Steamer

"YING KING."

Captain Page, will make an EXCURSION
TRIP TO MACAO, on EVERY SUNDAY,
leaving the Company's wharf at the end of
Wing Lok Street, at 8.30 A.M., and returning
from Macao at 7.30 P.M.The Steamer will lay alongside the S.S.
Persuance's wharf at Macao.FARE:
1st Class Single Ticket \$2.00, with Cabin \$3.00
" Return " \$3.00, " \$5.00Tiffin and Dinner may be had on Board
at \$1 each meal.YUK ON & CO., LD.,
S. A. NORONHA,
Macao Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1904.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI"

Captain T. AUSTIN, R.N.R.

THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong on
Week Days, at 8 A.M. and on Sun-
days at 8.30 A.M. Departs from Macao on Week
Days at 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.FARES:—Week Days, 1st Class, including
Cabin and servant, Single \$3; Return Ticket,
\$5; 2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.Every Sunday will be an Excursion, at the
following rates:—1st and 2nd Class, Single
Ticket, \$1; Return, \$2; 3rd Class, Single,
50 cents, Return, 30 cents; Steerage, 10 cents.TIFFIN AND DINNER can be supplied
either on Board, or at the Macao Hotel, for
returning passengers only, at an extra charge
of \$1.On Sundays, passengers desiring to have a
Private Cabin which has accommodation for
two or more passengers, will be charged \$3
extra.First Class Passengers, who do not care to
return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed
to do so the following day (Monday) on pro-
duction of the Return Half Ticket. Should
the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to
the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given
by the Captain and the Half Ticket will be
available for the following day.The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity.
The Steamer's wharf at Hongkong is at the
Western end of Wing Lok Street.MING ON & Co.,
2nd Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1904.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK,via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL,
(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1904. About

"GHAZEE" 21st Jan., 1905.

"SATSUMA" 5th Feb. "

For Freight and further information, apply

to DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1905.

Shipping—Steamers.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOV, STRAITS AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship

"PURNEA"

Captain Pearson, will be despatched as above,
on TUESDAY, the 10th instant, at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1905.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE"

Captain W. A. Evans, will be despatched for
the above Ports on or about SATURDAY, the
14th instant.This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for Passengers.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905.

THE AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"CROYDON"

will be despatched for the above Port on or
about SATURDAY, the 14th instant.For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE).

FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND SEATTLE,
WASH., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"IYO MARU"

Captain S. J. G. Parsons, will be despatched
as above, on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at
4 P.M.For Freight or Passage, apply at the Com-
pany's Local Branch Office in Prince's Build-
ing, First Floor, Chater Road.A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905.

Consignees.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"BAVERN"

of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 1 o'clock,
THIS AFTERNOON.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 11th instant will be
subject to rent.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on WEDNESDAY, the 11th instant,
at 9.30 A.M.All Claims must reach us before the 16th of
January, 1905, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TREMONT"

FROM TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA,
YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND
SHANGHAI.The above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"COROMANDEL"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. India and Syria.
From Australia, &c., ex S.S. China.
From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N. and
B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
2 P.M., TO-DAY.Goods not cleared by the 7th proximo, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and
the Company's representative at an
appointed hour.All claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
days they cannot be recognized.No claims will be admitted after the goods
have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1904.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
will be delivered from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed
at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M.
of the 6th instant, will be landed at Con-
signees' risk and expense into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Limited.Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and
PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE
DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside,
such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1905.

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

1, ICE HOUSE ROAD,

HONGKONG.

CABLE ADDRESS.—Telegraph, Hongkong.

THE leading English Newspaper in China

Also widely circulated in Japan, Ceylon,
China, Ceylon, India and the Far East
generally.A daily newspaper with weekly edition
published for despatch by the homeward mail.The daily is recommended as more generally
suitable, except for subscribers in Europe or
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rate reports of local occurrences, and of mat-
ters of general interest.

ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT.

The Hongkong Telegraph is the best
medium for advertising in China. It circulates
largely among all classes of the community,
is the largest daily newspaper and has a
wider circulation than any journal in the Far
East.Special attention given to effectively display-
ing advertisements.The type used as a standard for setting
advertisements is similar to this, unless we are
instructed to display the advertisement, when
any effective style of type will be adopted.This standard runs exactly eight lines to the
inch, and about eight words to the line.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

Notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages

at each insertion in the Daily and Weekly

CONTRACT ADVERTISEMENTS.

Special Rates for standing advertisements

can be ascertained from the Manager.

Advertisements for the Daily should reach
the Hongkong Telegraph Office not later than
noon of the day they are intended to appear.Unless otherwise specified all advertisements
will be repeated and charged for until counter-
manded.

JOBING DEPARTMENT.

Job Printing of all descriptions undertaken.

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PAMPHLETS,

CARDS,

CIRCULARS,

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All job printing is done under European
supervision, well turned out, free from errors,
and remarkably cheap at

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

OFFICE.

Estimates given for all classes of work on
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FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG,

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CABINET-MAKER AND ART DECORATOR,
from Shanghai, has opened a
FURNITURE STORE

at

No. 45, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL.

The only Shop in Hongkong with this name.

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE

of every description can be made to
order in any design required.Has been patronised by the Hongkong Club,
Hongkong Hotel, Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.,
Joint Telegraphs Co., and other leading
Establishments in the Colony, to whom
reference may be made as to the Superior Work-
manship and Materials of the Furniture, &c.,
supplied.Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. write as
follows:—"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI
KWONG LOONG furnished the Annexe to
our Dispensary and gave us every satisfaction."

(Sd.) A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

ORDERS punctually attended to, and
CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1904.

Sanitas

Unequalled

Purifying Agent

Indispensable in Hot Countries.

"Sanitas" Disinfecting Fluid

is a non-poisonous and non-staining, and for
general or personal use is thoroughly effective.
It completely disinfects the house in which
it is used, and administered internally prevents
Cholera, Typhoid Fever, Dysentery, &c.

"Sanitas" Disinfecting Powder

is the best air purifier known, and a stronger
antiseptic and deodorant than carbolic acid,
besides being pleasant and refreshing.

"Sanitas" Eucalyptus Soap

is specially recommended by the medical
faculty for use in hot climates, because of its
fine disinfecting qualities and its fragrance.

Kingzett's Fumigating Candles

apply the safest and most convenient means
of sulphur fumigation. For the destruction
of infected places, including clothing, &c.,
they are both efficacious and economical.
Destroy all insects.

THE "SANITAS" CO., LTD.

BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON, E.

Shipping.

Arrivals

Helene, Ger. s.s., 774, Jessen, 4th Jan.,

Swatow 3rd Jan, Gen.—J. & Co.

Tremont, Am. s.s., 13,000, D. S. Garlick, 5th

Jan., Seattle via Ports and Shanghai 2nd

Jan., Gen.—D. & Co., Ltd.

Anapa, Br. s.s., 2,257, J. M. Williamson, 5th

Jan., Philadelphia 5th Nov., Paraffin—

S. O. Co.

Benlomond, Br. s.s., 1,752, D. Clark, 5th Jan.,

Shanghai 2nd Jan, Gen.—B. & S.

Unda, Nor. s.s., 1,143, S. Gabrielsen, 5th Jan.,

—Moji 29th Dec, Coal—Order.

Tainan, Ger. s.s., 1,002, O. Koch, 5th Jan.,

Bangkok 28th Dec, Rice and Gen.—B. &

S.

M. Struve, Ger. s.s., 966, P. Brandt, 5th Jan.,

Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 4th Jan.,

Gen.—O. S. K.

Woosung, Br. s.s., 1,109, Dawson, 5th Jan.,

Shanghai 2nd Jan, Gen.—B. & S.

Seechuen, Br. s.s., 1,143, S. G. McKee, 5th Jan.,

Wuhu and Chinkiang 1st Jan, Ground-

nuts, &c.—B. & S.

Volute, Br. s.s., 2,599, E. Halliday, 5th Jan.,

Palembang 26th Dec, Petroleum—A. K. &

Co.

Wray Castle, Br. s.s., 2,100, Watson, 6th Jan.,

Singapore 28th Dec, Gen.—B. & S.

Promise, Nor. s.s., 714, E. Thomsen, 6th

Jan., Bangkok 26th Dec, Gen.—Chinese.

Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,029, E. Finlayson, 6th Jan.,

Hilo 2nd Jan, Gen.—B. & S.

Signal, Ger. s.s., 997, A. Bendixen, 6th Jan.,

Bangkok 28th Dec, Rice and Gen.—J. &

Co.

Loongmoon, Ger. s.s., 1,245, F. Kalkofen, 6th

Jan.—Canton 5th Jan, Gen.—B. & S.

Wuhu, Br. s.s., 1,247, E. Richards, 6th Jan.,

Canton 5th Jan, Gen.—B. & S.

Hong Bee, Br. s.s., 1,056, H. Peters, 6th Jan.,

Singapore 30th Dec, Gen.—W. Binn.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Mausang, for Kudat.

Hongkong, for Kwong-chow-wan.

Ila Verde, for Macao.

Hongkong, for West River.

Anping, for Shanghai.

Kwongchow, for Canton.

Yingking, for Canton.

Zafro, for Manila.

Korea, for Shanghai.

Chukong, for West River.

Kwintin, for Ningpo.

Paul Beau, for Canton.

Wingchaf, for Macao.

Chao An, for Shanghai.

Ping On, for Shanghai.

Ping On, for Sha-u-tung.

Departures

Jan. 5.

Thetis, Br. cruiser, for Singapore.

Jan. 6.

Korea, for San Francisco.

Bayern, for Shanghai & Co.

Kwongping, for Shanghai.

Hongkong, for Shanghai.

Apuraya, for Sandakan.

Kana, for Hongkong.

Helena, for Hainan.

Woosung, for Canton.

Passengers arrived.

Per Woosung, from Shanghai—Dr. Sowers,

and Lieut. Wells.

Per Hongkong, from Singapore—850 Chinese.

Passengers departed.

Per Bayern, for Shanghai—Consul Ed.

Michaelson, Miss L. E. Shan, Mrs. Knowles,

Miss Brunnet, Messrs. H. Mandi, Chuang, U.

Pittsukok, for Aberdeen.

U.S.S. Fathomer, at Kowloon Dock.

Agincourt, " " " " " "

Hud, " " " " " "

Indravelli, " " " " " "

Nanning, " " " " " "

U.S.S. Seward, " " " " " "

Shun Lee, " " " " " "

Ascot, " " " " " "

Protius, " " " " " "

Pittsukok, for Aberdeen.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

U.S.S. Fathomer, at Kowloon Dock.

Agincourt, " " " " " "

Hud, " " " " " "

Indravelli, " " " " " "

Nanning, " " " " " "

U.S.S. Seward, " " " " " "

Shun Lee, " " " " " "

Ascot, " " " " " "

Protius, " " " " " "

Pittsukok, for Aberdeen.

Books containing:

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12 " " " " " "

12 " " " " " "

may be obtained at the counter of the General

Post Office and at Kowloon Post Office, Price

\$1.00 each book.

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Benlarig	Singapore	G. L. & Co.	Jan. 7
Tartar	Shanghai	C. P. R. Co.	Jan. 8
Canton	Chefoo	S. T. & Co.	Jan. 8
Namsang	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Jan. 10
Tjilatjap	Vaccasara	C. J. J. L.	Jan. 10
Glenroy	Singapore	McG. & G.	Jan. 11
Denbighshire	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Jan. 11
Gaelic	Japan	O. & O. Co.	Jan. 12
Ernest Simons	Japan	M. M. Co.	Jan. 12
Emp. of India	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Jan. 16
Tijpanas	Karatu	C. J. J. L.	Jan. 16
Numantia	Portland	P. & A. Co.	Jan. 23
Arabia	Portland	P. & A. Co.	Feb. 8

Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward—3rd December—Anapa, Powder-	ham, Australia, 6th December—
Denbighshire, Confidence, 9th December—	Benlarig, Healthgen, Kray Castle, Glenroy,
Palma, Duna, Duna, Duna, Duna, Duna,	13th December—Palma, Duna, Duna, Duna,
Persia, Sphala, Thode, 17th December—Ajaz,	Andalusia, Salasie, 20th December—Ernest
Simons, Quintia, 23rd December—Machoon,	Alma, Idomenus, Radnorshire, Heathburn,
27th December—Baralong, Formosa, Zieten,	Benlarig, 30th December—Brigantia,
Albania, Promethus, Romulus, Pera, 4th	January—Benlarig, Glenroy, Fallodon Hall,
Pak Ling, Polynesian, Macduff,	Homeward—3rd December—Claverburn,
13th December—Manila, 17th December—	Brigantia, 23rd December—Stavonia, 27th
December—Jaxon, 30th December—Preuss,	4th January—Agamemnon,
Arrival at Rome—3rd December—Egrom,	9th December—Achilles, 13th December—
Princess Alice, Canis, Surtia, Ping Suey,	17th December—Benlarig, Prima Heinrich,
20th December—Ulysses, 23rd December—	Hindustan, 27th December—Manila, Prima
Regeat Lupold, Machoon, 4th January—	Kaisow.

Post Office.

A Mail will close for:—

Canton—Per Hongkong, 7th Jan., 7.30 A.M.	
Macao—Per Wingchaf, 7th Jan., 7.30 A.M.	
Manila—Per Zafro, 7th Jan., 9 A.M.	
Haiphong—Per Hanai, 7th Jan., 9 A.M.	
Manila—Per Tremont, 7th Jan., 11 A.M.	
Frederick, Wilhelmshafen, Herberstahoe,	
Matupi, Brisbane and Sydney—Per Wallchad,	
7th Jan., 11 A.M.	
Macao—Per Heungsham, 7th Jan., 1.45 P.M.	
Singapore and Sourabaya—Per Amara, 7th	
Jan., 2 P.M.	
Shanghai—Per Tingsang, 7th Jan., 2 P.M.	
Shanghai—Per Hupeh, 7th Jan., 3 P.M.	
Swatow and Shanghai—Per Hangsang, 7th	
Jan., 5 P.M.	
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per M. Struve,	
7th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Moji, Chinawantao and Durban—Per Court-	
feld, 7th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Swatow and Bangkok—Per Keongwai, 7th	
Jan., 5 P.M.	
Namtau—Per Tachun, 7th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Sanbue—Per Hoi Fu, 7th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Macao—Per Wingchaf, 8th Jan., 8 A.M.	
Swatow and Amoy—Per Haiching, 8th Jan.,	
9 A.M.	
Canton—Per Hankow, 8th Jan., 9 A.M.	
Kongmoon and Kumchuk—Per Tak Hing,	
8th Jan., 9 A.M.	
Namtau—Per Tachun, 8th Jan., 9 A.M.	
Sanbue—Per Hoi Fu, 8th Jan., 9 A.M.	
Canton—Per Kinsan, 8th Jan., 9 A.M.	
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Or.—	
Per Niconomia, 9th Jan., 9 A.M.	
Canton—Per Hankow, 9th Jan., 7.30 A.M.	
Macao—Per Wingchaf, 9th Jan., 7.30 A.M.	
Macao—Per Heungsham, 9th Jan., 1.45 P.M.	
Kongmoon, Kumchuk, Samshui, Shuihing,	
Takking and Wuchow—Per Lintan, 9th Jan.,	
5 P.M.	
Canton—Per Fatham, 9th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Namtau—Per Tachun, 9th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Sanbue—Per Hoi Fu, 9th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Amoy, Straits and Rangoon—Per Purnia,	
9th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Canton—Per Hongkong, 10th Jan., 7.30 A.M.	
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per	
Dumda, 10th Jan., 11 A.M.	
Manila—Per Tachun, 10th Jan., 3 A.M.	
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown,	
Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart,	
Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide	
and Perth—Per Australia, 10th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Canton—Per Kinsan, 10th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Kongmoon, and Kumchuk—Per Tak Hing,	
10th Jan., 5 P.M.	
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,	
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Empress of	
China, 11th Jan., 11 A.M.	
Cebu and Hilo—Per Kaifong, 11th Jan.,	
3 P.M.	
Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per Ichia,	
13th Jan., 11 A.M.	
Manila—Per Rubi, 14th Jan., 9 A.M.	
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per Dm-	
bighshire, 14th Jan., 10 A.M.	
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per	
Malta, 14th Jan., 11 A.M.	
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per	
Roan, 18th Jan., 11 A.M.	
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown,	
Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart,	
Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Ade-	
laid and Perth—Per Tachun, 20th Jan., 3 P.M.	
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,	
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Tartar,	
15th Jan., 11 A.M.	

Attention is called to page 5 paragraph

5 of the Hongkong Postal Guide which has

reference to the stamping and posting of

Christmas and New Year Cards.

Cards which are sealed or forwarded in

closed covers with the corners cut off or with

notched ends will be treated as letters and can-

not be forwarded at Book Post rate.

On and after the 1st December, 1904, del-

iveries for Postal District No. 11, viz., Albany,

Peak Road, will leave the Post Office at 9 A.M.,

1 p.m. and 5 p.m., daily on week days and

9 a.m. on Sundays.

In future, there will be one delivery of

correspondence each day on week days only

in Shaikwan, leaving General Post Office at

noon.

Pillar Boxes at Arsenal Street and Percival

Street will in future be cleared four times a

day as under.

Percival Street { 8 a.m.—11 a.m.

{ 2 p.m.—5 p.m.

Arsenal Street { 8.5 a.m.—11.5 a.m.

{ 2.5 p.m.—5.5 p.m.

Books containing:

16 Postage Stamps of 4 cents

12 " " " " " "

12 " " " " " "

may be obtained at the counter of the General

Post Office and at Kowloon Post Office, Price

\$1.00 each book.

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

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Dabbitt, Mr. and Mrs.	Krause, E. Lo
E. W.	Lamont, W. A.
Baner, Mr. & Mrs. C. J.	Lathrop, B.
Barbillion, P.	Lauray, Mrs.
Bardy, A. H.	Lewis, A. R.
Bevis, Mrs. H. M.	Macdonald, D.
Bevis, Miss C. & maid	Macdonald, Mrs.
Dingham, Mr. & Mrs.	Macgavin, D.
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Birbeck, R. J.	McAran, T. P.
Bissell, W. S.	Miles, E. T.
Blair, D. K.	Moir, R. M., Lt. and Mrs.
Boggan, Mr. and Mrs.	W. M.
and infant	Moore, Mr. & Mrs. E. M.
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Borthwick, R. W.	Newington, A. G.
Borthwick, Mrs. R. W.	Oxander, Mr. and Mrs.
and child	H. T.
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Broughall, L.	Parsons, Mr. and Mrs.
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Davies, Mr. J. T.	Rice, P. F.
Deacon, F. B.	Roach, Mrs. J. S. and
Dean, G.	child
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Glover, C.	Tadd, E. J.
Graham, C. A.	Thomas, G. B.
Graham, W. D.	Thornborough, J. C.
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child and infant	Williamson, A. S. C. Maj.

Mails.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

FRENCH MAIL-STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

The S.S. "DUMBEA,"

Captain Charbonnel, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 10th January, at 1 P.M.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows:—

S.S. AUSTRALIEN 24th January.
S.S. ERNEST SIMONS 7th February.
S.S. POLYNESIE 21st February.

L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [7]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE "MALTA,"

Captain R. A. Peters, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 14th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. Himalaya, 6,898 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. Egypt, due in London on the 25th February, 1905.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1905. [2]

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

Connecting at Tacoma with NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	Sailing.
Tremont.....	9,606	T. W. Garlick.	Ab. Jan. 17
Lyra.....	4,417	G. V. Williams.	Feb. 9
Platida.....	3,753	F. G. Purinton.	Mar. 4

1 Cargo only.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamer for Manila.

Tremont.....	9,606	T. W. Garlick.	Ab. Jan. 7
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CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE, ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESS.

The twin-screw s.s. Shawmut and Tremont have just been fitted with very superior accommodation for first and second class passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room.

Barber's shop and steam-laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

For further Information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1905. [8]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

A FOOK & Co., SHIP AND HOUSE COMPRADORES, have this day

REMOVED TO

No. 12, POTTINGER STREET, (opposite their old establishment), Hongkong, 24th November, 1904. [62]

For Sale.

FOR SALE OR TO LET, AT THE PEAK:

Nos. 2 AND 3, GOUGH HILL.

AN ELEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE with Dressing, Drying and Bath-room; partly furnished; distant thirteen minutes by chair from the Tram; fitted with superior baths and with hot and cold water; large Kitchen; Laundry and Servants' Quarters. Can be used as one dwelling or divided into two.

For Particulars and Terms, apply to— SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [1398]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.00 per Cask ex Factory.

In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$8.20 per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1904. [52]

FOR SALE.

INCANDESCENT GASOLINE LAMPS

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS, from the best makers.

INCANDESCENT MANTLES, OHIMNEYS, GLOBES, SHADES, &c.,

for GASOLINE AND GAS LAMPS

at the most moderate prices.

Lamps fixed up for Buyers free of charge.

Naphtha of the best kind kept in stock.

TAI KWONG CO.

56, Lyndhurst Terrace, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1904. [54]

To Let.

TO LET.

GODOWNS Nos. 100 and 101, Praya East, with Water Frontage.

Apply to—"VICTORIA BUILDINGS," Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [1394]

TO LET.

ONE ROOM on the First Floor of ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Apply to—SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [74]

TO LET.

GODOWN No. 3, New Praya, Kennedy Town.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1904. [71]

TO LET.

NO. 1, STEWART TERRACE, THE PEAK.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1904. [70]

TO LET.

NO. 1, RIFON TERRACE.

A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing Polo Ground.

OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).

GODOWNS: PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [69]

TO LET.

WILD DELL BUILDINGS, No. 147, WANCHAI ROAD, Comfortable and airy Flats of 2 or 3 Rooms, from \$25 inclusive of Taxes.

And others to suit various requirements.

S. A. SETH, Land and Estate Broker.

Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [72]

TO LET.

EUROPEAN HOUSES, Nos. 2 to 4, 6 to 8 and 10 to 12, GAP ROAD, facing Race Course, within reach of the Electric Cars, thoroughly cleaned and colour-washed, in flats or whole.

Apply to—S. A. SETH, Land and Estate Broker.

Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [73]

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.		
BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$1,000,000 \$7,000,000 \$250,000 \$175,533 \$191,973	\$1,492,554	{Div. of £1.10/- @ exchange 1/9 15/16 \$16.41 for first half-year 1904.....	{ \$710 London £701
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£7	{ \$1,400,000 \$1,739	\$21,668	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	51 % \$39
MARINE INSURANCES.							
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,400,000 \$1,739	\$150,494	\$17 for 1903	61 % \$250 buyers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	{ \$950,000 \$11,992 \$362,366 \$371,445	Nil.	\$4 1/2 for year ended 30.4.1904	7 1/2 % \$58 buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£3	Tls. 800,000	Tls. 217,119	Final of 10/- making £1 for 1903	8 % Tls. 96 sellers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	{ \$1,850,000 \$20,000 \$177,749 \$893,110 \$846,773	\$2,078,997	\$35 for 1903	6 % \$690 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$700,000 \$37,794 \$1,000,000 \$125,675 \$2,561	\$186,284	\$12 for 1902	8 % \$150
FIRE INSURANCES.							
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	{ \$1,000,000 \$125,675 \$2,561	\$329,047	\$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1902	7 1/2 % \$91 sales
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,772,749 \$371,110	\$371,110	\$22 1/2 for 1902	6 1/2 % \$330 buyers
SHIPPING, TUG AND CARGO BOATS.							
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	{ none \$185,000 \$80,935 \$250,000 \$600,000 \$157,555	Dr. \$63,123	\$5 for 1900	... \$23
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ none \$80,935 \$250,000 \$600,000 \$157,555	Nil.	\$3 for year ended 30.6.1903	6 % \$334 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$205,000 \$100,000	\$16,362	\$14 for first half-year 1904	10 1/2 % \$28 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	60,000	£10	£10	{ \$205,000 \$100,000	£5,853	10/- for 1903 @ 1/10 5/16 = \$5.378	4 1/2 % \$128
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 55,541	Interim of Tls. 2 for 1904	9 % Tls. 50 sales
Do. (Preference)	100,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 55,541	Interim of Tls. 2 for 1904	7 1/2 % Tls. 48 sales
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ \$400,000 \$60,000 \$15,093	£19,555	Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 4) for 1903	4 % 25/6 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ \$400,000 \$21,075 \$18,000 \$130,153	\$1,287	{ \$1.80 & b. 40 cts for year ending 30.4.04 \$0.90 & b. 20 cts. }	5 1/2 % \$40
Straits Steamship Company, Limited	5,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$130,153 Tls. 98,000 Tls. 201,614	\$33,648	\$5 for 2nd 1-year making \$13 for 1903	9 % \$145 sellers
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	T.Tls. 50	T.Tls. 50	{ Tls. 98,000 Tls. 201,614	Tls. 865	Interim of Tls. 14 for 1904	10 % Tls. 30 sellers
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	none	Dr. \$147,717	Interim of \$5 for 1904	... \$226 sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	none	Dr. \$73,905	\$3 for 1897	... \$16 buyers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 1,635	Tls. 24 for year ending 30.9.04	4 1/2 % Tls. 60 sellers
MINING.							
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ \$40,000 none	£7,820	No. 3 of 1/6	... Tls. 61 buyers
Oriental Consolidated Mining Company, Limited	50,000	G \$10	G \$10	none	G \$672,093	50 cents making G \$1 for 1904	6 1/2 % G \$164 sales
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	{ £4,873	Dr. £4,029	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	... \$31
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	Fcs. 250	{ Fcs. 251,337 Fcs. 1,529,652	Fcs. 85,706	Final of Fcs. 25 making Fcs. 55 for 1903	... \$490
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.							
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$70,000 \$50,989	\$10,517	\$3.75 for 1903	8 % \$45 sellers
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown, Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$250,000 \$25,500	\$28,015	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1904	4 1/2 % \$1124 buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$250,000 \$25,500	\$505,471	{ \$6 dividend and \$2 bonus for first half- year 1904	7 1/2 % \$220
Howarth Erskine, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$60,000 \$55,500	\$489	\$10 div. & \$5 bonus for year end. 30/6/04	7 1/2 % \$203 buyers
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	6,000	\$61	\$61	{ \$55,500	\$489	\$14 for 1903	4 1/2 % \$27 sellers
Riley Hargreaves & Co., Limited	6,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$150,000	\$40,536	{ \$10 div. and \$2 1/2 bonus } for 1903	6 1/2 % \$1924 sellers
Do. (Preference)	2,750	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 900,000	Tls. 48,153	\$7 dividend	6 1/2 % \$114
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Limited	55,200	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 900,000	Tls. 48,153	Tls. 7 final = Tls. 12 for year end. 30.4.04	7 1/2 % Tls. 165 sales
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 487,210	Tls. 22,895	Interim of Tls. 4 for 1904	8 1/2 % Tls. 127 1/2 sales
Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited	37,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$2,100,000	\$43,732	\$6 for first half year 1904	5 % \$730 sales
Yangtze Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	2,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 6,000	Tls. 1,760	Tls. 18 for 1903	5 1/2 % Tls. 187 1/2 sales
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDING.							
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	\$25	\$25	none	\$9,989	\$2 1/2 for year ended 30.6.1904	9 % \$28 sales
Astor House Hotel, Limited (Tientsin)	2,000	T.Tls. 50	T.Tls. 50	{ Tls. 41,000	Tls. 655	Interim of Tls. 4	6 % Tls. 148 sellers
China Land and Finance Company, Limited	6,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 50,000	Tls. 655	Interim of Tls. 2	... Tls. 55
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$100,000 \$11,824 \$20,000	\$11,668	\$5 for first half-year 1904	7 1/2 % \$144
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$500,000	\$51,666	Interim of \$6 for 1904	8 % \$147 sellers
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Shanghai)	9,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	{ Tls. 13,986	Tls. 680	Tls. 0.87 1/2 for the year ending 31.3.1904	4 1/2 % Tls. 19 sales
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$200,000 \$50,000	\$9,177	90 cents for 1903	7 1/2 % \$124 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$30	{ Tls. 800,000 Tls. 150,000 Tls. 17,144	\$636	\$2.60 for 1903	6 1/2 % \$384
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	52,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 800,000 Tls. 150,000 Tls. 17,144	Tls. 37,634	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1904	7 % Tls. 117 buyers
Tientsin Hotel des Colonies, Limited	1,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Dr. Tls. 2,132	Interim of Tls. 3 1/2	... Tls. 44 buyers
Tientsin Land Investment Company, Limited	7,726	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 54,626	Tls. 325	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1904	7 % Tls. 125
Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Company, Limited	3,764	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	none	Tls. 5,150	None	... Tls. 12 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	none	\$1,362	Interim of \$1 1/2 for 1904	5 % \$59 sellers
COTTON MILLS.							
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 11,655	Tls. 4 for year ended 31.10.1903	4 1/2 % Tls. 25 sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$22,862	50 cents for the year ending 31.7.04	3 1/2 % \$13
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 50,000 Tls. 35,227	Tls. 13,629	Interim of 3 % a/c 1898	... Tls. 25 buyers
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 35,227	Tls. 15,500	Interim of 4 % a/c 1898 on 6,000 shares	... Tls. 25 sales
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	{ Tls. 5,658	Tls. 26,389	4 % for 1897	... Tls. 150
CIGARS AND TOBACCO COS.							
Alhambra, Limited	300	\$200	\$200	\$779	nil	\$125 for year ending 30.6.1900	... \$100 buyers
Philippine Company, Limited	67,500	\$10	\$10	none	First year	First year	... \$94
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{ Tls. 24,820 Tls. 25,000 \$25,000	Tls. 1,091	Interim of Tls. 3	9 % Tls. 65 buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.							
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	{ Tls. 25,000 \$25,000	\$2,883	Interim of 50 cents for 1904	8 % \$124 buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	none	£161	6d. per share for 1903	5 1/2 % \$5
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	\$10	\$5,500	\$596	\$3 for 1903	7 1/2 % \$30 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	6,000	\$15	\$12	\$20,000	\$1,253	Interim of \$1.20 for 1904	11 1/2 % \$22 sellers
Do. (Founders)	123	\$15	\$7 1/2	none	First year	None	... \$8 sellers
Do. (New Issue)	24,000	\$12	\$12	none	Nil.	{ Preferential of 7 per cent for 1904	6 1/2 % \$13 sales
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 1,942	60 cents for 1903	4 1/2 % Tls. 75 sales
China Flour Mill Co., Limited	4,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$3,739	Tls. 6 for 1903	8 % \$10 sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	30,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$1,171	80 cents for 1903	8 1/2 % \$91
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$55,000	\$1,171	\$4 for year ending 31.7.1903	... \$12 buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	none	Dr. Tls. 15,316	Tls. 5 for 1902	... Tls. 10 sales
E. L. Mondon, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	\$2,706	\$5 div. and \$2 1/2 bonus for 1903	7 1/2 % \$100 sales
Fraser and Neave, Limited	4,500	\$10	\$10	\$112,500	\$32,115	\$1.50 for 1903	5 % \$29 buyers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$350,000	\$13,104	Interim of \$1	14 % \$25 sales
Hall & Holtz, Limited	21,000	\$20	\$20	\$186,000	\$7,625	£1 div. and 2/- bonus for 1903	7 1/2 % \$160 buyers
Hongkong & China Gas Company, Limited	7,000	£10	£10	{ £23,109 £3,000	£7,625	{ \$1.00 50 cents } for year ending 30.4.1904	6 1/2 % \$15 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	30,000	\$10	\$5	none	\$1,747	\$15 for year ending 30.11.1904	5 1/2 % \$9 buyers
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Ltd.	1,250	\$100	\$100	\$50,000	\$2,795	Interim of \$4 for 1904	6 1/2 % \$26 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$35,000	\$5,844	\$10 for 1903	6 1/2 % \$255
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	\$50,000	\$8,395	{ \$10 for 70 cts. and 50 cts. bonus making } \$1.50 for the year ended 30.9.04	9 1/2 % \$20 sales
Hongkong Steam Waterboat Company, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	\$2,500	\$299	\$13 for 1903	9 1/2 % \$135 buyers
Katz Brothers, Limited	10,000	\$100	\$100	\$375,000	\$21,582	Interim of \$5	8 1/2 % \$140 buyers
Laue, Crawford & Co., Limited (Shanghai)	2,500	\$100	\$100	none	£1,143	4th quarterly of Tls. 5, paid 15.12.04 making in all Tls. 35, for 1904	12 1/2 % Tls. 280 sales
Maatschappij tot Mijn- Bosch- en Landbouw- exploitatie in Langkat	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	{ Tls. 334,669 Tls. 11,143	Tls. 27,187	\$2 for year ended 31.10.1903	7 1/2 % \$27 buyers
Maynard and Company, Limited	3,400	\$10	\$10	none	\$803	Final of \$3 making \$5 for the year ending 30.6.04	9 % \$55 sales
S. Moutrie & Company, Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$5,000	\$832	None	... \$50
Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	1,200	\$50	\$50	None	Dr. \$5,537	Interim of Tls. 3 1/2 for 1904	8 % Tls. 105 sales
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	16,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 108,172	Tls. 7,548	Tls. 5 for 1903	5 1/2 % Tls. 90 sellers
Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company, Limited	5,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 45,000	Tls. 10,247	Interim of Tls. 6 for 1904	7 1/2 % Tls. 165
Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited	4,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 10,000	Tls. 3,288	Interim of 15/- for 1904	6 1/2 % Tls. 400 buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	7,200	£20	£20	{ Tls. 110,000 \$6,000	Tls. 7,369	\$5 for year ended 31.7.1903	6 % \$88
Singapore Dispensary, Limited	600	\$50	\$25	none	Dr. \$39,020	None	... \$25 nominal
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$5	none	\$3,644	60 cents for year ended 31.5.04	8 1/2 % \$7
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	5,000	\$5	\$5	none	\$3,644	First year	... \$4 sales
Straits Ice Company, Limited	10,000	\$100	\$100	\$45,000	... \$83,403	\$1 for second half year 1903	9 1/2 % \$160 sales
Straits Trading Company, Limited	250,000	\$10	\$10	\$650,000	... \$83,403	{ \$1 div. and 25 cents bonus for half year } ended 30.3.1904	7 % \$384 buyers
Tientsin Native City Waterworks Company, Ltd.	2,941	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none	Tls. 413	Tls. 3 for half year	6 1/2 % T.Tls. 110
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000	T.Tls. 100	T.Tls. 100	{ Tls. 15,259	Tls. 667	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 8 for 1903/4	9 1/2 % T.Tls. 135
United Asbestos-Oriental Agency, Limited	9,000	\$10	\$10	\$20,000	\$180	90 cents } for year ended 31.5.1904	10 1/2 % \$91 buyers
Do. (Founders)	100	\$10	\$10	\$4,802	\$1,042	\$2 for 1903	10 1/2 % \$180 buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$3,000	\$588	Final of 70 cents making \$1.20 for the year ending 30.6.1904	9 1/2 % \$94 sellers
William Powell, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	\$3,000	\$588	Final of 70 cents making \$1.20 for the year ending 30.6.1904	9 1/2 % \$124 buyers